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POLISH FOREIGN MINISTER BEGINS DISCUSSIONS WITH VISCOUNT HALIFAX

Col. Beck To Converse With Premier In Study: Calls On Mr. Eden And American Ambassador

Paris Diplomatic Activity

LONDON, APRIL 4 (T/OCEAN)—THE FIRST DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN THE POLISH FOREIGN MINISTER, COLONEL BECK AND THE BRITISH FOREIGN SECRETARY, LORD HALIFAX, TOOK PLACE THIS MORNING AT THE FOREIGN OFFICE AND LASTED FOR OVER TWO HOURS. Besides Lord Halifax, those who took part in the conversations were the Permanent Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, Sir Alexander Cadogan, and the Head of the Central European Department in the Foreign Office, Mr. William Strang. Colonel Beck was accompanied by the Polish Ambassador in London, Count Raczynski, and the Head of the Western Department in the Polish Foreign Ministry, Count Potoki.

This afternoon, after a luncheon given by Lord Halifax, Colonel Beck will call on Mr. Anthony Eden and later have a conversation with Mr. Chamberlain in the Premier's study in the House of Parliament.

On Wednesday, Colonel Beck will see the American Ambassador, Mr. J. P. Kennedy and the Hungarian Minister, M. Barcza.

Reuter reports that continued unreserved approval of Britain's new foreign policy, as enunciated by Mr. Chamberlain, marks the comment in the French, as well as the British press, while the Nazi press is wrathful in Rome and everything is done to belittle the policy which is interpreted as an aggressive attempt to encircle "innocent Germany."

PARIS CONVERSATIONS

PARIS, April 4 (T/Ocean)—While the Polish Foreign Minister, Col. Beck, is conducting negotiations with the British Government in London, Paris is likewise doing its part to prepare the ground for an anti-aggression pact.

The conversations which the Foreign Minister, M. Bonnet, had on Monday with the Soviet Russian Ambassador, M. Suritz, the British Ambassador, Sir Eric Phipps, and the Turkish Minister, Suad Dawaz, all served this purpose, according to "Excelsior" this morning.

M. Bonnet informed the diplomatic representatives of the three above mentioned Powers that France regards, not only Poland's and Rumania's, but also the Soviet Union's and Turkey's participation in the defensive alliance, as desirable.

The semi-official "Petit Parisien" concludes from Mr. Chamberlain's speech that the British Premier is holding the same view as France. The paper says that Mr. Chamberlain's speech marked the beginning of a complete reorganization of British policy.

NOT UNDERSTOOD

BERLIN, April 4 (Reuter)—The British Government clearly has not understood Hitler's speech, says an inspired news agency "Deutsch Erdienst," which adds, "We must declare again most emphatically that the Reich has no intention of waiting until the encirclement net is complete and unbreakable."

MUTUAL ASSISTANCE

LONDON, April 4 (T/Ocean)—British political circles early this morning state that Col. Beck will use the first opportunity during the call on the British Foreign Office to express the desire of his country for an agreement of mutual assistance. This statement, made by British political circles and appearing in London this morning, contradicts the statements from Polish diplomatic quarters.

The "Daily Telegraph" emphasized that any guarantee undertaken by Britain would comprise the entire Polish territory, including the Polish Corridor and Danzig. The diplomatic correspondent of the paper reports that Moscow is kept continually informed on the progress of the negotiations.

Loyalty To Central Government

TWO IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHUNGKING, Apr. 4 (Reuter)—Two very important announcements were made here to-day by the Kwangsi and Yunnan Provincial Governments. Chinese circles regard them as "further evidence of the solidarity of the South-West Provinces in their support and loyalty towards the Central Government."

The Kwangsi military authorities officially announced the abolition, as from April 1, of the Fifteenth Route Army Headquarters, which acted for many years as an independent military command for the combined Kwangsi Armies. The Kwangsi Armies, according to the announcement, "will henceforth follow all other Central Government designations."

The Yunnan Provincial Government announced that "the mint in Kunming is to be transferred to the Central Government and is to be known as the Yunnan Branch of the Central Mint."

MORE ARMY PLANES FOR AMERICA

President Signs $358,000,000 Defence Bill

WASHINGTON, April 4 (Reuter)—President Roosevelt to-day signed the $358,000,000 Army, Air and Defence Bill authorising that a large proportion of the sum should be devoted to increasing army planes to 6,000.

The remainder of the money is to be utilized for the Panama Canal defences and "to educate the United States industry in the manufacture of war materials."

UNSUCCESSFUL JAPANESE DRIVES IN NORTH: FIGHTING CENTRES ROUND KAOAN

SIUSHUI, April 4 (Central)—The fighting in Kiangsi still centres around Kaoan, on the Nanchang-Changsha highway. Japanese drives on the town so far have been unsuccessful. After suffering reverses at the hands of the Chinese, the Japanese invading Fusiangkuan, a strategic point northeast of Kaoan, were heavily reinforced yesterday and continued their thrust toward Kaoan.

Japanese troops occupying Wuning, north-west of Nanchang, made feeler thrusts toward the south-west to synchronize with the drive toward Kaoan, but were repulsed.

The Japanese occupying Nanchang are maintaining an outer defence line at Tsingan, Fenghsien and Anyi to forestall any Chinese attempt to recapture the city.

WESTWARD DRIVE

LOYANG, April 4 (Central)—A Japanese combined unit of infantry and cavalry men launched a fresh drive towards the west of Wenhsien, in northern Honan, on Sunday. Fierce fighting has been raging at Nanwang, about three miles from Wenhsien.

CHINESE GAIN GROUND

ICHANG, HUPEH, April 4 (Central)—Chinese troops who crossed the Han River to counter-attack the Japanese continue to gain ground. Two Chinese regiments which crossed the River at Hungmiao (Red Temple) have recaptured Sanhotang.

The west wharf at Chungsiang has been retaken by the Chinese. Japanese troops sent out from Chungsiang were defeated, suffering some 200 casualties. Tsaichiaho in east Hupeh, has been recaptured by the Chinese.

IN SOUTH SHANSI

SIAN, April 4 (Central)—Following their sweeping victory over the Japanese who attempted to drive towards Pinglu and Maotsintu, in south Shansi, Chinese forces are now engaged in a vigorous enveloping attack on Changtienchen, south of Hsiahsien, and Mainanchen, west of Pinglu.

Changtienchen, latest military despatches received here indicate, is surrounded on three sides by the Chinese.

GOOD FRIDAY

The offices of the "Hongkong Daily Press" will be closed on Good Friday but will reopen as usual on Saturday. There will be no issue of the paper on Saturday. The next issue will appear on Monday morning as usual. Advertisers are kindly requested to send in their copy as early as possible to-morrow. Contributors, especially those dealing with Church services and sports programmes, likewise are earnestly asked to co-operate by sending in their "copy" early.

NEW COMPETITION

Readers are advised to watch for the new "Hongkong Daily Press" competition which is to commence to-morrow. This is conducted in conjunction with the M.G.M. Pictures and will be known as "The Stablemates Competition." It will be out of the ordinary and it is expected that many readers will take part in it.

DARING HUNGHOM HOLD-UP

YOUTH SEARCHED IN PUBLIC VIEW

A daring street hold-up was perpetrated by five men in a busy thoroughfare in Hunghom district last night.

Whilst walking along Gillies Avenue about 9.30 p.m., a 23-year-old youth, named Cheung Sik-ping, of No. 36 Koon Chung Street, was met by five men who surrounded and searched him and took from his person a sum of between $30 and $40 made up of Hongkong and Shanghai banknotes.

The robbery took place in full public view, at an hour when a large number of people were still abroad.

As suddenly as they had descended on their victim, the men dispersed and fled in the direction of Hinslow Street. After a short chase, one of the robbers was arrested but the others evaded capture.

A warning was sent by Hunghom police to all districts, and a strict watch was maintained for suspicious persons.

MORE I.R.A. MEMBERS SENTENCED

LONDON, April 4 (Reuter)—Sentences were passed at the Old Bailey to-day on three more members of the Irish Republican Army, an 18-year-old girl being sentenced to three years in Borstal for possessing explosive substances, and two brothers being sentenced to five and four-and-a-half years' penal servitude, respectively, for possessing an alarm clock fitted for timing an explosion.

GOLD RING LOST

Mrs. Bains, of Cosmopolitan Docks has reported to the police the loss of a gold ring, set with two diamonds, and valued at £25, between the Docks and the Star Ferry wharf between 10 and 11 a.m. yesterday.

THE DOLLAR

T.T. ON LONDON: 1s. 2.11/16d.
T.T. ON NEW YORK: 28⅝

London Silver Market

From Our Own Correspondent

London, April 4.

London silver prices to-day were down 1/16 for Forward and unchanged for Spot as follows:—

	April 3	April 4
Spot	19-15/16	19-15/16
Forward	19-3/4	19-11/16

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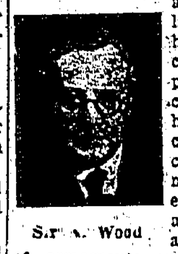
BRITISH AIRCRAFT INDUSTRY WORKING AT FULL CAPACITY AND SPEED

LONDON, April 4 (BWS)—The Air Minister, Sir Kingsley Wood, speaking at Liverpool on aircraft production, said that the Government had taken many steps to add to the strength of the nation's defences and he was glad to see the aircraft industry, which some time ago was considerably extended, now working to full capacity with energy and speed. They had also, in the last year, greatly broadened the basis of production of aircraft and had greatly extended the policy of taking work to labour.

Some 3,500 firms were now engaged in sub-contracting work. Their labour forces, in aircraft production generally, were being steadily increased month by month, and during the last few months had been increased by 40 per cent. Concurrently, they had greatly increased the capacity in the manufacture of engines, materials, components and accessories of armaments and equipment of all kinds and he could say, with confidence, that the new British aircraft were as formidable as any in the world.



Sir K. Wood

In types, now being issued in the bomber and fighter forces, this country possessed the best in the world. Efforts had still to be intensified but they could register to-day a great increase in their intrinsic strength—strength which was becoming comparatively more powerful.

After luncheon, Sir Kingsley Wood visited Rootes factory. Before beginning his return flight to London he said to the factory, "The progress made in the last few months has been remarkable. My first comment upon this achievement is to thank many thousands of people who have shown such energy, capacity and speed. I know they realize the vital work in which they are engaged."

Shanghai Municipal Council

NO ELECTIONS

SHANGHAI, APRIL 4 (REUTER)—THERE WILL BE NO ELECTION FOR THE SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL COUNCIL for the next Municipal Year, starting on April 20, as only nine nominations were received for the nine seats.

The Council will, therefore, continue to consist of two Americans, five Britons and two Japanese.

THE COUNCIL

The new Council will comprise:—

Mr. Cornell S. Franklin—senior member of the law firm, Franklin and Harrison;

Mr Albert C. Cornish—general manager, Standard-Vacuum Oil Company;

Mr. G. A. Haley—director of the Imperial Chemical Industries (China) Ltd;

Mr. W. J. Keswick, taipan of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson and Co., Ltd.

Mr. R. G. Macdonald—assistant manager, Dodwell and Co., Ltd.,

Mr. G. E. Mitchell—taipan of Butterfield and Swire;

Mr. T. S. Powell—general manager, Asiatic Petroleum Co., Ltd.,

Mr. O. Okomoto—barrister-at-law of Murakami and Co.,

Mr. T. Sugisaka—manager, Osaka Syosen Kaisya, Ltd.

FIVE CHINESE MEMBERS

There are five Chinese members of the Shanghai Municipal Council—Messrs. Yu Ya-ching, Yulin Hsu, Eugene Y. B. Kiang, W. Gockson and another newly-copted member. The Chinese members are elected by the Chinese Ratepayers Association and not by the foreign community.

Maintaining Food Supplies In War Time

SCHEME DEVISED IN BRITAIN

LONDON, April 4 (BWS)—As part of the plans for maintaining food supplies in the event of war, the Food Defence Plans Department have framed a scheme in consultation with their Advisory Committee on Provisions and Groceries, for the grouping of wholesale firms of provision dealers and grocers which serve the more densely populated areas of the country.

The scheme is a special one for application to these trades on which, in the last stages of distribution, the public relies for a number of important foods, including flour, bacon, sugar, tea, butter and margarine.

It is designed, in particular, as a safeguard against the possibility that the main office of a wholesale firm or its warehouse or transport facilities, might be damaged, or destroyed.

The Department ask wholesale firms, as a measure of precaution, to form themselves into groups in peace time.

FILL THE GAP

The scheme provides that, if in war conditions, one or more firms in a group were temporarily unable to maintain distribution, other members would fill the gap, on terms to be mutually arranged, until the former firm or firms were able to resume.

Every firm would carry on its existing business unless and until, in circumstances beyond its control, need for assistance arose.

The Department wish to make the scheme known to every wholesale provision dealer and grocer. They ask all such traders and firms in areas, which are specified in detail in the scheme, to form themselves into groups at once, appointing a secretary for each group, who should forward to the Department, not later than April 15, necessary particulars so that the groups may be approved as complying with the scheme and recognized.

100 SQUADRONS NOW FORMED

LONDON, April 4 (BWS)—More than 100 squadrons of the Air Defence Cadet Corps have now been formed and though a similar number of squadrons remains to be formed, they are coming into existence so rapidly, that the limit of 200 squadrons will be reached without much difficulty.

This will mean that all 20,000 cadets whom the Air League set out to organize will be receiving preliminary training in air matters to make them valuable to the auxiliary and volunteer sections of the Air Force as they get older.

FISHERY AGREEMENT

SOVIET SHOWS WORLD HOW TO TREAT AGGRESSIVE NATIONS

Significant Trends In Japanese Policy

LONDON, APRIL 4 (REUTER)—"THE SOVIET HAS JUST COMPLETED A LITTLE PRACTICAL DEMONSTRATION ON HOW TO TREAT AGGRESSIVE NATIONS," says the "Manchester Guardian" in a leader on the Russo-Japanese Fishery Agreement. "The Japanese Government," the paper adds, "blustered and threatened, but Litvinoff was not impressed. How right he was is now proved."

"Japan climbed down and has now agreed to take 27 lots less than it did last year, and at a ten per cent. higher rental, if only Russia would agree to extend the old convention one more year. Litvinoff graciously consented."

Conversely, the "Manchester Guardian" emphasizes that France, who trusted "appeasement," is now finding her mistake in Japan having occupied Hainan, which was formerly considered almost a French protectorate, and now having annexed the Spratley Islands, of which the French Navy had taken possession in 1930, and which were formally claimed by the French Government in 1933.

The annexation by Japan is significant of two trends in Japanese policy—the southward advance so near to naval quarters and the principle, more generally held, of advancing along the line of least resistance.

BOY KILLED IN BUS MISHAP

A boy, named Ho Chi, nine years old, was killed almost instantaneously when he was knocked down by a motor bus about 12.40 p.m. yesterday in Queen's Road West, near Water Street.

The boy, who lived at No. 440 Queen's Road West, first floor, suddenly darted from the pavement into the middle of the road and got into the way of bus No. 648, which was proceeding in a westerly direction.

The bus stopped, and an ambulance was summoned. On arrival, however, it was found that the boy was already dead.

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Complaints have been received regarding late delivery, and in some cases non-delivery, of the "Hongkong Daily Press" to subscribers.

We shall be thankful if any reader so inconvenienced will communicate with us immediately by telephone (30251).

In the World of Sports

EARDLEY WINS S'HAI BADMINTON TITLE

Mrs. Gresley New Champion In Ladies' Division

Shanghai, March 28.

Two Shanghai Badminton Association championships changed hands yesterday evening at the Country Club where, before a large crowd of spectators, Eardley beat Meise in the Men's Singles and Mrs. Gresley defeated Miss Eardley in the Ladies' Singles, the losers in both cases being last year's holders.

The final of the Whalley Shield also took place, resulting in no change, Australia being the victor over Portugal. That these changes in the titles did take place was not unexpected although it was not anticipated that Mrs. Gresley would have such an easy victory over her opponent.

The first of the Championship matches was between Meise and Eardley the latter winning 15-11, 15-7. Meise started off the score with a single and the points remained at Meise one love for six changes during which time both players were settling down and testing each other's play. Meise added another then lost the service by smashing into the net. Eardley's smashes and general play at this stage of the game were somewhat erratic and it was not until he was behind at 1-5 that he really got the hang of it.

He took over the shuttle at 2-5 and in the next service brought the points up to 9-5 by long play onto his opponent's back-hand and smashes. Meise stopped the run with a well-placed drive and added three during which time he produced some excellent back-hand clearing shots.

REACH ADVANTAGE

Eardley's extraordinary long reach gave him a decided advantage over Meise. The latter, however, gave a good account of himself and was driving well when the opportunity was offered and brought the score up to 11-10 in his favour. Eardley got one point ahead, 12-11 and three changes took place without any score. In what proved to be the last service of the set, a shot by Meise which fell beyond the black-line brought the points to 13-11 when Eardley ran out.

The first four runs of the second set saw Meise ahead with 3-1 but his opponent changed this to 3-6 with some nice work at the net and partly due to a very clever drop shot by Meise which just went wrong. Seven-all was reached which was increased to 10-7 by Eardley when he had the misfortune to hit one of the rafters and lost the service. The change, however, did not benefit Meise a great deal.

He did not add to his score during the remainder of the game as at 11-7 the ultimate victor gained the necessary four points without the service changing.

The latter half of the last set was not confined to smashing but consisted of quite a considerable amount of variation net work and drop shots were prominent but in all of these, towards the close, Eardley was definitely superior.

LADIES' CHAMPIONSHIP

Mrs. Gresley defeated Miss Eardley in two sets with the comfortable margin of 11-4 and 11-6. A remarkable feature of the contest was that Miss Eardley never, or all events until the end of the second set, adopted her usual forceful tactics.

As far as could be seen there was no reason why she should not have brought her powerful smash, a stroke which has stood her so well in the past, into action. This young lady was on the defensive throughout and for no apparent reason.

That she was up against strong opponent cannot be denied. Mrs. Gresley possesses a very enviable back-hand stroke and is steady at the net added to which there is a strong and generally sure smash.

AUSTRALIA BEATS PORTUGAL

Australia had not a great deal of difficulty in overcoming Portugal in the Whalley Shield game in spite of the fact that the first set was only won by the narrow margin of 15-12 The second was a much easier matter, 15-16. Although the Portuguese couple, de Senna and da Silva put up a good fight in the 15-13 game they were outplayed, both Eardley and Kew being on form.

ADVERTISEMENT

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

THE SECOND EXTRA RACE MEETING will be held (weather permitting) at HAPPY VALLEY on SATURDAY, 8th and MONDAY, 10th April, 1939, commencing at 12.30 p.m. on both days.

The first Bell will be rung at 12.00 NOON, and the Tiffin Interval will be after the second race (1 p.m.) on both days.

MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE

No One without a badge will be admitted to the Members' Enclosure. Such must be worn throughout the duration of each Meeting in such a manner as to be readily identified.

Badges admitting Non-Members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at $5.00 per day for Gentlemen and $3.00 per day for Ladies (Both including tax) are obtainable through the SECRETARY upon the personal or written application of a Member, such Member to be responsible for all visitors introduced by him, and for Payment of All Chits, &c.

The Secretary's Office, 1st floor, Exchange Building (Tel. 27794) will close at 11 a.m. each day.

Tiffins are obtainable at the Club House provided they are ordered in advance from the No 1 Boy (Telephone 21920).

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE

The price of Admission to the Public Enclosure is $1.00 per day including Tax, for all Persons, including Ladies, and is payable at the Gate. Soldiers and Sailors in Uniform are admitted Half Price.

By Order,
C. B. BROWN,
Secretary.
Hong Kong, 3rd April, 1939.

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H.K. GOLF CLUB COMPETITION

The following are the results of competitions played at the Hongkong Golf Club:—

Mixed Foursomes (3rd round)—Col. and Mrs. Rose (9 and 32) beat Maj. and Mrs. Hawey (9 and 19) 5 up and 4; Maj. and Mrs. Williams (20 and 29) beat Maj. and Mrs Webb (20 and 24) 5 up and 3; Mr. A. E. and Mrs. Lissaman (3 and 22) beat Mr. A. and Mrs. Nichol (18 and 31) 4 up and 3; L. Goldman and Mrs. Woodward (8 and 22) beat Mr. G. R. and Mrs. Razavet (20 and 34) 6 up and 4.

Semi-finals: Maj. and Mrs. Williams beat Col. and Mrs. Rose 3 up and 2; L. Goldman and Mrs. Woodward beat Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Lissaman 2 up and 1.

CAPTAIN'S CUP

April Qualifying Competition—Old Course—G. B. S. Thomson 86-16—70. (qualifies). There were 41 entries.

New Course—J. Forkes 86-13—73 (qualifies). There were 4 entries.

Old Course—Optional Sweepstake (15 entries) A. J. Dennis 88-11—77.

The new course sweepstake was cancelled.

H.K. CYCLING CLUB

Strenuous Trial For April 16

To Colony cyclists, what might be regarded as the "Blue Ribbon of the Road," will be promoted by the Hongkong Cycling Club on Sunday, April 16, in the form of a 50 miles unpaced invitation Handicap event, over the strenuous Kowloon Circuit course. Leading Colony riders have been selected and invited according to the talent displayed during the past twelve months' racing the Club's Committee having handicapped them as under:—

H. A. G. Keates (handicap, owe 15 mins.), Geo. Cottrell (scratch), R. H. M'Dowell (scratch), Chan Kwoon-lam (4 mins.), Chow Kai-kong (6 mins.), Ng Chung (8 mins.), Jogindar Singh (10 mins.), William Choy 10 mins.), Mui Pak-chuen (11 mins.), Leung Shui-kwong (13 mins.), M. L. O'Doherty (14 mins.), Chan Yeung-pang (18 mins.), and To Yin-chung (18 mins).

SUNDAY'S RUN

In spite of the weather on Sunday, cycling enjoyed a popular day in the Colony, though attendance on the Club's run was below standard, due possibly to a last minute delay in starting time of the social run until 10.30 a.m. from the Alhambra Theatre. At Hawoche the Club overhauled another party comprised of Chinese Y.M.C.A. cyclists en route to Taipo.

The Club continued to Taipo, and joined the Y.M.C.A. party at 1.45 p.m., at No. 6 Nam Tsing Street where all were guests of Miss Tang Kit-fong, who later conducted a hike to a pretty bathing pool situated nearby Toyuentung village, south-west of Taipo.

Unlong has been arranged as the objective of next Sunday's run which is scheduled to leave the Alhambra Theatre, Kowloon, at 9.30 a.m. Non-club members are extended a cordial welcome.

MORE DELAY IN TENNIS TOURNEY

Good Doubles Game Down For To-Day

Owing to the sodden state of the ground yesterday, it was decided to postpone play in the tennis tournament being held at the Hongkong Cricket Club. There was only one Opens game down for decision, however, the third round singles tie between Tsui Yun-pui and A. Crawford.

The Opens programme for today consists of one singles and one doubles match. In the singles Ho Ka-lau, who beat Lai Kowng-tsun after a close match on Monday, meets Liang Sai-wah, and a good game should be seen, with the probabilities on Ho getting through.

The Doubles encounter, in which A. V. Gosano and J. J. Remedios and Lim Thiam-tet and Stephen Wong, contest the right to join the Tsui Brothers in the semi-finals in the top bracket, should produce a fine game. By virtue of their first round victory over E. C. Fincher and W. C. Hung the Portuguese pair must start favourites, but current form points to a three-set match, with the issue a very open one.

TENNIS TIES FOR THE WEEK

The following ties in the Colony Tennis Championship will be played this week:—

To-day (Wed., April 5)—Court No. 4—H. D. Bidwell and A. T. Dow —2/6 v. E. E. Story and J. J. Ferguson—5/6.

To-morrow (Thursday, April 6)—Court No. 1—T. J. Price—1/6 v. W. Wooding scr.—Court No. 6, H. J. Armstrong v. Lt. J. S. Theobald.

HOME RUGBY

LONDON, April 4 (Reuter)—The following were the results of matches played in the Rugby Union yesterday:—

Sidmouth 0, Gloucester 6.

Devonport Services 0, Captain Crawshay's XV 29.

Pontypool 6, Neath 0.

Redruth 19, St. Bart's Hosp. 8.

RUGBY LEAGUE

The following Rugby League match was played:—

Halifax 20, St. Helen's 5.

CORRESPONDENCE

LADIES' SOFTBALL LEAGUE

[To the Editor, "The Hongkong Daily Press"]

Sir,—Some time ago it was announced that a prize would be given to the most improved team, in the local Ladies Softball League. As a fan who has seen most of the games, I am very interested to know if this has yet been decided by the Softball Association.

Whilst having no doubt that the Committee deciding this question will consider every detail, I would like to submit my selection.

The Panthers, starting from a team of kids, have improved the most, and during the last few games have even given strong teams like the Recreio and the Wildcats some very anxious moments. The great point in their favour, in my opinion, is their improved knowledge of the game and fighting spirit.

"FOLLOWER"

SOCCER MATCH TO-DAY

The Straits Chinese football team will play the Combined Chinese XI to-day at Caroline Hill at 5.15 p.m. sharp and not 4 p.m.

The Official Dinner will be held at Kwong Chow Restaurant this evening and dress will be optional.

Local Soccer Fixtures

SATURDAY

Senior Shield Final

South China "A" v. Police (Club, 4 p.m.)
Referee:—Omar.
Linesmen:—Goss and Ip.

Junior Shield Final

Middlesex v. Royal Scots (Club, 2.15 p.m.)
Referee:—Stedman.
Linesmen:—Clarke and Hinchliffe.

First Division

Royal Scots v. Kowloon (Sookunpoo, 4.30 p.m.)
Referee:—Adlam.
Linesmen:—Barretto and Somerville.

GOLF SUGGESTED AS TEAM GAME

Speaking at a National Fitness meeting at Hull, Mr. Rous, the secretary of the English Football Association, said that he was an advocate of team games.

"Golf has not developed in that direction," he said. "It is a good game for the English middle-class, and for Scotsmen of all classes."

Remarking that they were striving to give a chance to youth of the country to play games and to be coached and trained to play them well, particularly boys leaving school, Mr. Rous suggested that it was a little unfair to make a boy at school with an aptitude for soccer play rugby, or vice versa.

ROYAL SCOTS BEAT SOUTH CHINA 'B'

In a First Division League football match played at Sookunpoo yesterday, the Royal Scots defeated South China "B" by three goals to one after leading 2—1 at the interval.

The first two goals were scored off penalty kicks, Bailey netting for the Royal Scots and Yeung Shui-yick for South China. Hunter brought the score to 2—1 before the interval. Munro scored the only goal in the second half.

In a Second Division League Football encounter, South China beat the Royal Scots by four goals to nil.

MACAO FOOTBALL INTERPORT

Colony Eleven For April 16

The following have been chosen to represent the Colony in the Interport football game against Macao at Macao, on Sunday April 16.

Cheong Wing-choy (South China "A"); Chan Kwok-yee (Police) and C. Blackburn (Police); P. Honeywell (Navy), Bright (Middlesex) and Parker (Police); Armstrong (Navy), D. Leonard (St. Joseph's), Chan Tak-fai (South China "B"), Ferrier (Police), and Lau Tau-man (South China "A").

Reserves: Hussain (St. Joseph's), Thorburn (Navy) and Hossack (Royal Scots).

Team Manager and Assocation Representative: Mr. W. E. Hollands.

Sporting Fixtures

TO-DAY

BADMINTON.—Y. M. C. A. Badminton, in the West Lounge, 10 a.m.

FOOTBALL.—Malaya Chinese v Combined Chinese (Caroline Hill), 5.15 p.m.

SHOOTING.—Weekly Spoon and Practice Shoot (Kowloon City).

TENNIS.—Colony Championships. Open Singles, S. W. Liang v. Ho Ka-lau. Open Doubles, Lim Thiam-tet and Stephen Wong v. A. V. Gosano and J. J. Remedios.

TO-MORROW

BRIDGE.—Y. M. C. A. Women's Section Bridge and Mahjong Competitive Games, 10 a.m.

MEETINGS.—Hongkong Badminton Club, at S. and S. Home, 7 p.m.

TENNIS.—Colony Championships Open Singles. — Chan Kan-moon v. Lee Wai-tong; S. A. Rumjahn v. J. Tomlinson or W. J. Howard. Open Doubles.—Lee Yue-wing and Ho Ka-lau v. T. A. Pearce and W. A. H. Duff.

FRIDAY, APRIL 7.

GOLF.—Happy Valley v. Kowloon G. C. (Kowloon).

TENNIS.—Colony Championships.

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THE FOL-DE-ROLS' AND OTHER LONDON RELAYS

Cesar-Franck Symphony

1.00 to 12.20 p.m. Relay of Service of Intercession from St. John's Cathedral.

12.30 p.m. Tino Rossi (Tenor) and Dajos Bela and His Dance Orchestra. Night Of Love Divine—Tango; Do You Like Dancing? — Tango — Dajos Bela Dance Orchestra. Aux Iles D'Amour (from film 'Lumieres de Paris')—Tino Rossi (Tenor) with Orchestra. Cuckoo Waltz (Jonasson); Brigitte—Waltz — Bajos Bela Dance Orchestra. Catari! Catari! (film 'Naples au baiser de feu')—Tino Rossi (Tenor) with Orchestra. Veni Pebeta (Jovel); Du Schwarzer Zigeuner (Vacek)—Dajos Bela and His Dance Orchestra.

1.00 p.m. Local Time Signal and Weather Report.

1.03 p.m. Turner Layton (Vocal) at the Piano. If I should Lose You (film 'Rose of the Rancho'); Up The Wooden Hill To Bedfordshire (Grey and Connelly). Moon Over Miami (Leslie and Burke).

1.13 p.m. Hawaiian Selections. Waltzing To The Guitar—Medley—Len Fillis (Hawaiian Guitar) with Scott Wood at the Piano. Sweet Hawaiian Dream Girl—Waltz; Underneath The Blue Hawaiian Sk'e—Waltz—The Hawaiian Marimba Payers. Sundown In Old Waikiki (Carlton and Ritz); All My Life (film 'Laughing Irish Eyes')—George Elliott's Hawaiian Novelty Quartet with Vocal Chorus. Goodnight Vienna (from the film)—Hawaiian Guitar Solo by Len Fillis with Orchestra.

1.30 p.m. Reuter and Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.40 p.m. Mozart—Symphony In D, No. 35. Sir Hamilton Harty conducting the Halle Orchestra.

2.00 p.m. Mozart—Sonata In B Flat Major, K. 570. Walter Gieseking at the Piano.

2.15 p.m. Close down.

6.00 p.m. Cesar-Franck—Symphony In D Minor. —Philadelphia Symphony Orchestra conducted by Leopold Stokowski.

6.40 p.m. Closing local Stock Quotations.

6.42 p.m. Violin solos by Yehudi Menuhin. Tzar's Bride"—Song Of The Bride (Rimsky-Korsakov, arr. Franko); Campanella, Op. 7 Bis. (Paganini)—with Piano accomp. by Hubert Giesen. Moto Perpetuo, Op. 11 (Paganini); La Ronde Des Lutins, Op. 25 (Bazzini)—with Piano accomp. by Marcel Gazelle.

7.00 p.m. Walter Givnne (Tenor) and Grace Moore (Soprano) in a Light Orchestra Concert. The Nuremberg Doll — Overture (Adam)—Grand Symphony Orchestra. The Valley Where Wishes Come True (Eatherley-Elliott); I'll Walk Beside You (Lockton-Alan Murray)—Walter Glynne (Tenor) with Piano. June—Rhythmic Paraphrase (Tschaikowsky, arr. (Lange); Tannhauser—Rhythmic Paraphrase (Wagner, arr. Lange)—Debroy Somers Band. What Shall Remain? (film 'The King steps out'); The End Begins (film 'The King steps out')—Grace Moore (Soprano) with Orchestra. The Knave Of Diamonds (Steele); Love In Idleness—Serenata (MacBeth)—Alfredo Campoli and His Salon Orchestra. I Wait For You (film 'Evensong') — Walter Glynne (Tenor) with Orchestra. Stars In My Eyes (film 'The King steps out'); Learn How To Lose (film 'The King steps out')—Grace Moore (Soprano) with Orchestra.

7.42 p.m. B.B.C. Recording—'The Coronation of King George VI.' A talk by The Hon. Harold Nicolson, C.M.G., M.P.

8.00 p.m. Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.03 p.m. New Mayfair Orchestra. "Hide And Seek"—Selection (Vivian Ellis). Rag Doll (Nacio Herb Brown); Parade Of The Tin Soldiers (Jessel) "Going Greek"—Selection. "The Millionaire Kid"—Selection (Mayerl).

8.30 p.m. London Relay—'At The Black Dog.'

9.00 p.m. London Relay—'Empire Exchange.' By The Lord Halley, G.C.S.I., G.C.I.N.

9.15 p.m. London Relay—The News.

9.30 p.m. London Relay—A Recital by Marjorie Ffrangcon-Davies (Soprano). Spring is at the Door; Passing Dreams (Roger Quilter), I Heard a Piper Piping; The Piddler (Peterkin), Let Beauty Awake (Vaughan Williams), The Wind on the Wold (C.A. Lidgey).

9.45 p.m. London Relay—Sports News and Market Notes.

9.50 p.m. Billy Thorburn and His Music. Night Over Shanghai — Fox-Trot (film 'The Singing Marine'). Two Shadows In The Moonlight—Fox-Trot; Moon At Sea—Fox-Trot.

10.00 p.m. London Relay—'The Fol-De-Rols.' In a song-and-laugh show lightheartedly designed for all sorts and sizes of listeners—with a smile and a song for the high-brow, the low-brow, and the no-brow. Written and presented by Greatrex Newman. Music by Wolseley Charles; Conducted by Charles Shadwell; Produced by Harry S. Pepper.

11.00 p.m. Close down.

The Penang Buddhist Association was the venue of a Chinese wedding recently, the parties being Mr. Khoo Hock Seng, son of the late Mr. Khoo Eng Wan and Mrs. Khoo Eng Wan, and Miss Cheah Saw Bee, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Cheah Leong Hool. The bridegroom is attached to the Asiatic Petroleum Company.

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H.K. Time
a.m.
10.00—Broadcast to Schools—"The World We Live In," by Professor G. S. Browne (A).
10.20—Wheat and Grain Report (A).
10.40—"At Home and Abroad" (A).
11.10—Luncheon Music (A).
11.30—Afternoon Musical Programme (A).
p.m.
3.00—Music Hall, with orchestra conducted by Charles Shadwell (D1).
3.20—Tiny Tots' Session (A).
4.00—News (D1).
4.15—"Food for Thought." (D1); Dinner Music (A).
4.30—"The Song Reporter"—Ian Stewart (D1).
4.45—Sports News and Market Notes (D1).
5.25—Commentary On News (A).
6.00—"As You Like It"—A.B.C. Light Opera Company (A).
6.45—"Racing Pigeons." (D2).
7.00—Variety Programme (A).
7.15—Jack Wilson and his Versatile Five (D2).
7.40—The Sydney Studio Orchestra (A).
7.45—The B.B.C. Scottish Orchestra (D2).
8.30—"At the Black Dog." Mr. Wilkes at home in his own bar-parlour (D2).
8.50—Recorded Feature (A).
9.00—"Empire Exchange." Talk by Lord Halley (D2).
9.15—News (D2).
9.20—Summary of the day's news
9.45—Sports News and Market Notes (D2).
10.00—"The Fol-de-Rols." with the B.B.C. Variety Orchestra (D3).
11.00—The B.B.C. Empire Orchestra (D3).
12.00—News (D3).
a.m.
12.15—"World Affairs." Talk by H. Wickham Steed (D3).
12.55—Sports News and Market Notes (D3).

CHUNGKING NEWS BROADCAST

A regular series of short-wave broadcasts in the English and other foreign languages have been inaugurated by the Central Broadcasting Administration, Chungking.

Of special interest to Far East listeners are the news broadcasts at 10 a.m. (H.K. time) each day on 25.21 metres (11.9 megacycles).

There are daily broadcasts from 4.15 a.m. to 6.30 a.m. to European countries, including Great Britain, France, Italy and Germany on 25.51 metres and 31.58 metres; to America between 9.30 a.m. and 11.30 a.m. in Chinese and English on 16.85 metres and 19.75 metres; to East and North China and Siberia between 5.30 p.m. and 7.10 p.m. on 25.51 metres and 31.58 metres in Chinese; to Japan between 7.15 p.m. and 7.55 p.m. on 25.21 metres and 31.58 metres in Japanese; to South China and the South Seas between 8.10 p.m. and 10.30 p.m. on 25.21 metres and 31.58 metres, including a news bulletin in English at 9 p.m. (10 p.m. local time); and to Soviet Russia between 11 p.m. and 11.30 p.m. on 25.21 metres and 31.58 metres in Russian.

CONCESSION AWARDS FOR S.M.C. HEADS

At its meeting of Mar. 21, the French Municipal Council unanimously endorsed the suggestions that four high Settlement officials be awarded gold and silver medals in recognition of their outstanding services during the past eighteen months.

Mr. Sterling Fessenden, Secretary-General of the Shanghai Municipal Council, and Maj. K. M. Bourne, Commissioner of Police, were awarded Gold Meda's of the French Concession, whilst Maj. J. T. Ford a Treasurer and Controller of the Council and Capt. H. G. Reed, Chief Officer of the Fire Department will be given the Concession's silver medal.

M. Baudez, French Consul-General and President of the French Municipal Council, proposed the awards for Mr. Fessenden, Major Ford and Captain Reed, whilst the award for Major Bourne was made upon the proposal of Comdt. Fabre, commissioner of the Concession Police.

The outstanding services rendered by these four high officials, during the past 18 months were mentioned in the citations.

LIFE FOR HIS PATIENTS

Dying Doctor's 'Phone Prescription

Dr. J. Watson Struthers, aged 39, of Hadfield, gave his life for his patients.

For weeks he fought a 'flu epidemic in his village, for weeks he struggled waist-deep through snowdrifts to his patients.

For weeks, desperately ill himself, he wrote out prescriptions from his bed when he could no longer go and, gave advice by telephone.

His wife and his colleagues told the story of this hero whose name the world has never known, whose only recompense as he breathed his last was the knowledge that he had done his best for his fellow men.

"I'LL BE ALL RIGHT"

Said his young Scottish wife, formerly his housekeeper: "Repeatedly I asked him: 'Won't you have a doctor?' but each time he replied: 'I'll be all right in a day or so.'

"But he became so ill that I had to telephone Dr. E. J. Allan, a friend of his, in Glossop. He fetched a specialist, and within an hour or two my husband was rushed to Ashton Infirmary, where he died."

Said Dr. Allan: "Dr. Struthers simply overtaxed his strength through working for his patients.

"He must have had well over a hundred patients, some of them scattered about in isolated farmsteads. During the terrible weather recently he used to plough through the snow on foot when his car was held up."

BITE MAKES NEWS

Lord Northcliffe once said that if a man bit a dog that would make news. But a bulldog at Rhyl, North Wales, made front page news in English papers the other day when he bit a man.

You see, the man the dog bit was a very important individual—Frank O'Donnell, Scottish international Soccer centre forward, for whom Aston Villa paid a transfer fee of £10,000.

The English international forwards, Ronnie Starling and Eric Houghton, were menaced at the same time.

They were playing golf with O'Donnell when the bulldog decided to become famous and sank its teeth into the international's leg.

Wisely, Starling and Houghton dropped their golf bags and dived over a wall to safety.

THE SERVICES

ROYAL NAVY

"J" CLASS DESTROYERS

Completion dates are announced for the first three destroyers of the Javelin type, built under the construction programme of 1936.

The Jackal was commissioned on March 31, the Jersey on April 28, and the Jervis (flotilla leader) on May 5. The other five vessels will follow at short intervals. This class is the largest built for the Royal Navy, with the exception of the two flotillas of tribal destroyers.

The displacement is 1,690 tons, compared with the 1,370 tons of the Intrepid type in the 1935 programme, and the number of 4.7in. guns has been increased from four to six.

The "J" class will form the 4th Flotilla in the Home Fleet, in place of vessels of the "B" class completed in 1931. The appointment of Captain P. J. Mack to the Jervis as Captain (D) of this new flotilla dates from Mar. 20.

H.M.S. PELICAN

The new escort vessel Pelican, Commander L. A. K. Boswell, which arrived at Sheerness on March 4 from the Thornycroft works, Southampton, is expected to leave on April 17 for the America and West Indies Station, on which she replaces the Scarborough. The Pelican should arrive at Bermuda on May 3, after a call at the Azores from April 23 to 26.

PAYMASTER CAPTAIN MACKENZIE

Paymaster Commander R. P. Mackenzie has been placed on the retired list with the rank of paymaster captain on attaining the age limit of 50.

NAVAL APPOINTMENTS

The following appointments are made by the Admiralty:—

Cdrs.—V. N. Surtees, to Pembroke (March 21); M. Fogg-Elliot, to Delight, in command (March 28); A. H. B. Day, to Calcutta, in command (April 3), and as Officer Instr. to R.N.V.R. Division, Humber (undated).

Lt.-Cdrs.—E. D. Webb, to King George V (March 29); K. A. Short, to Victory for S. of N.C., Ford (March 27); J. H. F. Burroughs (S/Ldr., R.A.F.), to Victory for Ford (March 20).

Payr. Lt.-Cdrs.—R. F. Braidwood, to Nelson (March 27); H. Shearburn, to Kent (April 1).

Lts.—R. M. Crawford, to Ladybird (April 5); J. Smallwood, to Wrestler (March 20); G. A. Carline, to President for Met. crse. (April 17); C. P. Coke, to Victory (April 1); W. A. H. Playfair (F/O., R.A.F.), to Victory, for R.A.F., Gosport; C. S. H. Kennaway, to Ark Royal (March 29).

Lts. (A).—M. G. W. Clifford, J. L. M. Bell, to Ark Royal; E. A. Liversidge, to Courageous (March 29); S. Hook, to Eagle; R. H. G. Grey, to Glorious (April 14).

Lt. (E).—R. H. Dale, to Edinburgh (March 23).

Payr. Lts.—H. R. Butchers, to Cochrane (March 28); G. B. R. S. Harris, to Sheffield (March 31); D. V. Jesseman, to Tamar (April 1); G. A. W. Haslam, to Warspite (March 27); L. G. Underhill, to Victory (April 6); A. Woodifield, to Vincent (April 5); B. M. Edwards, to Edinburgh (April 20).

Act. Lieuts. (/O., R.A.F.).—D. G. Bowker, to Ark Royal (March 29); H. E. J. P. T. Parker, to Eagle (April 14).

Sub-Lts. (A).—C. Murray, L. R. Tivy, F. J. D. Broughton, A. F. Adie, B. Paterson, G. Smith, S. M. de L. Longsdon, D. P. Williams, to Ark Royal (March 29); D. N. Collins, E. W. Lockwood, J. B. Murray, P. S. Touchborne, to Eagle; W. A. Sykes, H. C. M. Pollard, H. S. Shaw, A. T. Shaw, A. T. Easton, D. G. Lough, to Glorious (April 14).

Payr. Sub-Lts.—E. R. Wheeler, to Drake (March 24), and for duty in Gunnery School (March 27); A. C. Reynolds, to Warspite (April 3).

Payr. Mids.—A. C. W. Jones, to Emerald (March 23); W. Hutton-Attenborough, to Sheffield (April 1).

Wt. Engr.—R. E. Magner, to Edinburgh (March 23).

PROMOTIONS

Lt.-Cdr. (Retd.)—J. H. Thomas, to rank of Cdr. (Retd.)—J. H. Thomas, to rank of Cdr. (retd.) (seny. March 17).

Sub-Lt. (A).—G. V. Aylott, to rank of Lt. (A) (seny March 9).

Cd. Supply Officer.—A. W. Richards, to rank of Payr. Lt. (seny. March 1).

Cd. Writer.—G. Chapman, to rank of Payr. Lt. (seny. March 1).

Wt. S.O.—J. W. H. Atkey, W. H. Ely, to rank of Cd. S.O. (seny. March 1).

Wt. Writer.—W. H. Cole, to rank of Cd. Writer (seny March 1).

ROYAL AIR FORCE

FLEET AIR ARM OFFER

Warrant ranks are to be instituted for the various classes of flying and maintenance ratings in the Fleet Air Arm.

Announcing this on Mar. 18, Admiralty Fleet orders state that the men affected will be:—Warrant Pilot (for ex-Rating Pilots), Warrant Observer (to replace boatswains (P) for ex-observers' mates), Warrant Aircraft Officer (for ex-Air Artificers), and Warrant Air Mechanic (for ex-Air Mechanics).

Rates of pay of warrant pilots and observers will be as for warrant officers of the seaman branch, and for warrant aircraft officer and air mechanic as for warrant engineers.

Flying pay at 5s a day will be given to warrant pilots and observers while they hold appointments involving a continuous and definite flying liability.

Detailed regulations as to qualifications for appointment will be announced later.

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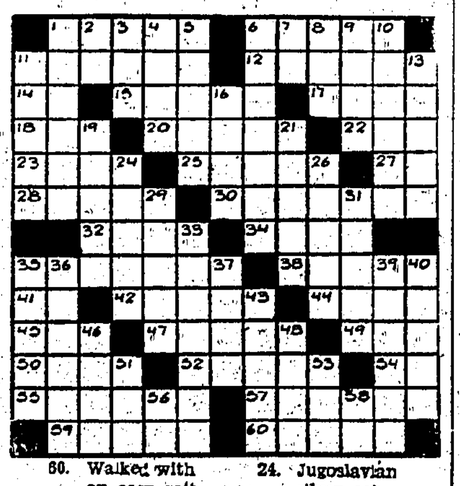

ACROSS

1. Before
6. Broom
11. Poisonous acid
12. Imaginary line on the earth's surface
14. Note of the scale
15. Sadness
17. Seize with the teeth
18. Tree
20. Narratives
22. Transgress
23. Happy
25. Easily frightened
27. Symbol for sodium
28. Tropical shrub
30. Decide by legal proceeding
32. Taverns
34. Irrational
35. Left empty
38. Supporting pillars
41. Correlative of either
42. Happen again
44. Secure by a tenon
45. Method
47. Pertaining to a Teutonic alphabet
49. Recline
50. Black
52. Horizontal
54. Symbol for nickel
55. Part of the labium of insects
57. Awakened
59. Supply with food
60. Walked with an easy gait

DOWN

1. Armpit
2. Note of the scale
3. Ancient
4. Tumult
5. Brilliancy of success
6. Galleys with two banks of oars
7. Plural suffix
8. Weep convulsively
9. Japanese sashes
10. Marrying
11. Greek letter
13. French Orientalist and biographer
16. Fetid
19. Pertaining to a dibasic acid
21. Concentrated solution of sugar
24. Jugoslavian silver coin
26. Coin of Ancient Persia
29. Bury
31. Imaginary
33. Lay
35. Voiced sound
36. Pertaining to a constituent of certain gums
37. Hill of sand
39. Decayed
40. Quantity of yarn
43. Opponent
46. Ascetic philosophy
48. Large food fish
51. Hard-shelled fruit
53. Edge of a cup
56. French definite article
58. Compass point

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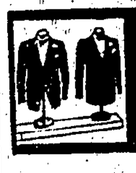
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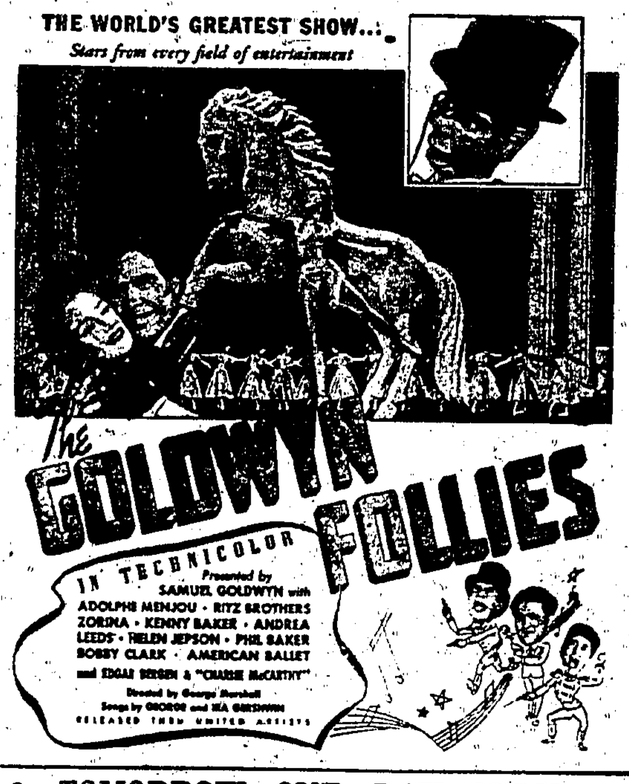

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KING'S:
"Pardon Our Nerve"

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"Dark Journey"

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"Snow White And The Seven Dwarfs"

Kowloon

ALHAMBRA:
"Trail Dust"

STAR:
"The King And The Chorus Girl"

MAJESTIC:
"The Goldwyn Follies"

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KING'S:
"You Can't Take It With You"

QUEEN'S:
"Blockheads"

ORIENTAL:
"Three Loves Has Nancy"

CATHAY:
"She"
"Four Men And A Prayer"

ALHAMBRA:
"Secrets Of A Nurse"
"Blockheads"

STAR:
"A Slight Case Of Murder"
"If I Were King"

MAJESTIC:
"Everybody Sing"

"PARDON OUR NERVE"

Lynn Bari and June Gale say that a girl must live and, if possible, live very well, and when they set about to prove it in "Pardon Our Nerve," the 20th Century-Fox hit which opens to-day at the King's Theatre, the audience will find that it is more fun than a day at the fair

The film finds the girls as two hungry little angels muscling in on the heaven where mink coats and caviar grow, and gallops off to a lively start when they are sent horse-back riding by the Elite Escort Service. The patron happens to be the light-heavyweight champion of the world and the girls make an impresssion—but it's bad. The horses run away and the picture's under way

Lynn Bari has never been better and the supporting cast all give talented performances. H. Bruce Humberstone directed the film from a screen play by Robert Ellis and Helen Logan. Sol M. Wurtdel was executive producer.

Constance Bennett has made up her mind to get that long postponed divorce from the Marquis de la Falaise. She will leave Hollywood for Paris after the first of the year, and return in late spring a free woman. But in the meantime, it is strongly suspected that she will marry Gilbert Roland the moment her divorce papers are final.

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Most extraordinary situation was uncovered in the scrip of Warner's "Juarez." Bette Davis, as the Empress Carlotta, never meets Paul Muni, playing the title role, during the entire story. It's probably the first case of this kind in the history of movie-making.

HOLLYWOOD'S CHILD STARS

Adolescents Coming Into Their Own

Hollywood.—It is not altogether by chance that 1938 can be called the year of the adolescents. Intelligent design on the part of many cinemakers is responsible for the steady flow of fine juvenile performances which has been the outstanding feature of the current season.

The popularity of Mickey Rooney, Deanna Durbin and a dozen other attractive youngsters is more than a passing vogue. It represents a distinct departure from custom, and the new maturity of the screen itself.

For the first time producers have proved that they can guide children safely over the dangerous period of the middle teens. They have proved that a prodigy can outlive his cuteness, and they have discovered that a natural gift for mimicry can be fostered and improved, with careful casting and smart writing.

FUTURE HOLLYWOOD

This being the case, it is obvious that in the future Hollywood will be able to rear an annual crop of stars within its own studios. As the child actors come of age they will be qualified to hold their positions in the hierarchy.

For the first time in screen history there is available a group of talented youngsters who have been familiar with the problems of screen acting (including diction) ever since they can remember. They have grown up in the studio atmosphere, and have been trained in all the various arts and practices which are helpful in their profession.

Here, at last, is a condition similar to that which has given the legitimate theatre some of its greatest artists. Some of the film adolescents, no doubt, will fall by the wayside; but many have just started on lifetime careers before the camera.

PRODIGIES WHO HAVE SURVIVED

Shirley Temple, of course, was the first prodigy to survive her curls. On the other hand, Master Mickey didn't begin to hit his stride until he reached what was once the danger period. Only a short time ago Miss Durbin was getting along on her personality and her voice. Swiftly she grew into a full-fledged comedienne.

Watch Bonita Granville. Now 15 years old, she is a veteran of six years standing, with fifteen features to her credit. Born of theatrical parents, Miss Granville has the added advantage of having grown up in the atmosphere of the stage.

Jane Withers always has had to play second fiddle to her studio mate, La Temple, and was miscast in one Class B. picture after another. But Miss Jane was irrepressible. She kept her following and held out, and in the long run she may even surpass Bright Eyes.

"Poor Jackie Cooper" (they said last year, when his voice began to crack) "is all washed up." His boyish cuteness had vanished, he was gawky, his fan mail was dwindling. So his studio didn't renew his contract.

A HUNCH

But a chap in one of the independent lots had a hunch. He hired Jackie for "Boy of the Streets," geared the story to fit his changing personality, and the result was an unexpected hit.

The home-studio had not realized how much Jackie had absorbed about picture-making. He was a veteran at 15, and will be able to take care of himself from now on, as witness his fine performance in "That Certain Age."

Never a big star, Jackie Searle hung on in supporting roles, and has been gaining slowly but steadily in competence. Master Searle was typed as a child villain and had a hard time out-growing it, but in due time his employers found that he was even better in sympathetic roles.

As for Freddie Bartholomew, he has had poor casting since "Captains Courageous," and needs a good vehicle to tide him over that certain age. But he has the stuff in him, and can be counted among the stars of the future.

Judy Garland, who is being teamed with Freddie, is a less certain quantity. She illustrates the difference early training makes. She has been in pictures only two years, and is not nearly the actress that, say, Jane Withers is.

BOBBY BREEN

No discussion of adolescents would be complete without mention of Bobby Breen, who enjoys the distinction of being the only child ham on the screen. A protege of Eddie Cantor's, Master Bobby croons and mugs, and few critics have had a kind word to say for the child. But there is apparently a market for this sort of thing, and in his own Cantoresque field Bobby may survive.

The new generation, of course, will not be recruited entirely from the reigning adolescents. There are scores of youngsters in Hollywood, who have had the same training without the same rewards

Some of them have knocked around in two-reelers, quickies, or Westerns. Plenty of talented kids never got a break, but their apprenticeship will pay dividends later on.

Ann Rutherford is a grow-up young lady, but still able to play schoolgirls in such films as "Dramatic School." Not a star as yet, she has the sort of background which is bound to keep her going in the right direction.

She made her debut as a child actress at 5, and did radio acting during her high-school years. She went into pictures as leading lady in a quickie, then settled down to hard work in lesser roles. She likes tennis and archery, rides horses and plays the piano. When her chance comes she'll be prepared.

DIARY OF LOCAL EVENTS

TO-DAY

ANNIVERSARIES AND HOLIDAYS.—St. Vincent Ferrer. Jewish Passover, second day. Hilary Law Sittings end.

CINEMAS.—(See Column 3 of this Page).

DANCES.—Cheero Club Dance, 8.30 p.m.

ENTERTAINMENTS.—Concert by Sitson Ma Quartette and Chester Blackman, in Peninsula Hotel Rose Room, 9.30 p.m.

LECTURES.—Home Nursing at Queen Hospital, 10 a.m.; A.R.P., Modified Course, at Wah Yan College, Robinson Road, 6.30 p.m.; at Shaukiwan Dispensary, (in Chinese) 6 p.m.; First Aid in Chinese (for women), at Ambulance Hqurs., Two p.m.

MAILS.—(See Page 16).

MEETINGS.—Peace Pledge Union, Challenge Bookshop, Ice House Street, 5.30 p.m.; Speaker; Mr. Percy Chen; Hongkong Sunday School Assn., at Kowloon Union Church or Hall, 5.45 p.m.

MISCELLANEOUS.—Photographic Exhibition, Jacobean Room, Hongkong Hotel; Cathedral Women's Fellowship Working Party, Cathedral Hall, 10 a.m.

MOON.—Chinese 11 Moon, 16th Day.

RELIGIOUS.—End of Lenten Mission at Catholic Cathedral, 6 p.m.; Office of Tenebrae at 5 p.m.

SOCIAL.—Whist and Mahjong Drive at Prison Officers' Recreation Room, Stanley, 3.15 p.m.; Whist, Drive and Tombola, in Garrison Sergeants' Mess, 9 p.m.

SPORTS.—(See Page 2).

SUNRISE.—6.14 a.m. SUNSET.—6.38 p.m.

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WOMEN'S PAGE

Flowers For Weddings

It is pleasant to think that we have broken away from the idea that wedding bouquets must necessarily be made of exotic flowers. It is not really so very long ago since that was the fashion, and a cramping fashion it was. But in the idea that flowers are decorative materials, to be used for their colour, shape, quality, disregarding categories—the labels which man has tied round their necks—there is a refreshing freedom.

If the texture of a bridesmaid's dress suggests a field daisy, a field daisy is used with the same enthusiasm as orchids or carnations.

Bouquets nowadays are important accessories, not just sentimental and possibly irrelevant tributes. The bride, in planning the details of her wedding, thinks of the scene as a whole, considers dresses, bouquets and the flowers in the church as all individually important.

THE SPRING BRIDE

Magnolia and velvet: For the spring bride there are many flowers from which to choose her bouquet. One of the loveliest flowers for a bride to carry is the white Magnolia conspicua, the yulan tree. The flowers are not easy to arrange, but when this is done with skill the result is exquisite. The shapely white flowers on their brown stems have great dignity, and look best with a stately dress of satin or velvet or brocade.

But tulips make a lovely bouquet too, and are easier to get and to arrange. Some of the large white May-flowering kinds are particularly good for a bride, and they lend themselves to graceful arrangement. They look best, perhaps, made up into a long sheaf to droop over an arm, with no other green than their stems and one or two of their own leaves, and without any ribbon or tulle.

FOR BRIDESMAIDS

Pink tulips and tulle: For bridesmaids' bouquets there are coloured tulip. There is the lily-flowered "Siren" for instance: when the slender pointed petals of satiny pink are wide open this tulip has a most exotic air. It was used successfully with dresses of palest pink tulle, and it would go well with other pale colours.

One colour combination in bridesmaids' bouquets is remembered as particularly good. Green cypripedium and a nerine of a bluish pink were used together, and the bouquets had a beauty which accorded with the ideas and taste of the bride who was an artist. A similar colour combination can be achieved with the green tulip viridiflora and certain pink cyclamens to go with quite sophisticated dresses.

But the simpler effects are generally chosen.

WILD FLOWERS

Wild flowers: Of course it is only occasionally that wild flowers can be made up as bouquets; so much depends on the weather, and there is always the risk that plans will be defeated by a sudden rainstorm or a heatwave. A bride who chooses wild flowers has to risk the possibility of a last moment change of plan. One bride chose apple blossom. The weather was kind and her bridesmaids' bouquets a flurry of the the soft pink flowers.

Gentians for blue: Sometimes a bride will not insist on carrying white flowers herself. One bride decided that "something blue" should be a bouquet of gentians, and they looked beautiful against her gleaming satin dress. Quite often nowadays a bride will choose cream or sheer pink flowers, especially if her dress is not dead white. But whatever flowers or colours she may choose, it is the shape which is all-important. This must be designed to be easy to carry, of graceful form, and must neither obscure the beauty of her dress nor spoil the line of her veil.

RED DAISIES

Red daisies in a posy: Last year an unusual bouquet was made of the simplest of flowers for it was to be carried with a rather tailored bridesmaid's dress made of crisp organdie, but not in the usual frilled and flounced way. The bouquet was a round posy of double red daisies, the little spring flowers called Bachelor's Buttons. It was surrounded by a starched stiff pique frill—very neat and looking as though it came out of a band-box. These daisies are, of course, used often enough for children.

CHILD BRIDESMAIDS

Of course child bridesmaids offer an infinite scope for ideas—flowers are their suitable ornaments.

Floral bracelets: If they are very little, or if they are to carry the bride's train it is pretty to give them, instead of a bouquet, bracelets of flowers and perhaps a necklace too. These are enchanting and made of forget-me-not. Or a posy of flowers may be tucked into a sash, or small ones on to the satin slippers, but the prettiest of all fashions is what used to be called a "tie-up." This consists of a ribbon passed through a short sleeve from the neck of the dress which ties the sleeve up closer to the neck, and when the bow is tied a knot of flowers is fastened in. Of course, each shoulder has this little knot.

Wreaths and top-knots: Children, too, are easy in the matter of headdresses, for they can wear either a wreath quite round their heads or half way round, or little top-knots, or even a Winter-wreath set on top of their heads.

FOR ADULTS

For adults the problem is not so easy, and it is best first to find a shape which is becoming, and then subordinate the flowers to that shape. One can keep uniformity with quite a number of attendants because only quite small adjustments are needed to suit each individual and these are not noticeable.

Of course uniformity is important: a wedding procession has a quality of pageantry and any sort of untidiness or lack of symmetry can spoil it. It is necessary, for instance, to see that the bridesmaids carry their bouquets all in the same way, and it is quite surprising how inventive, or absent-minded, they can become if this small matter is not supervised.

MME. LEBRUN with the Queen in the procession to Buckingham Palace. Troops lined the route and a Sovereign's Escort of Life Guards attended the procession of six carriages.

NEWSETTES

The s.s. Mingsang will leave for Haiphong to-day (April 5) instead of April 4 as advertised.

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A. R. P. booklets, in Chinese and English, are now being printed by the authorities, and distribution is expected to take place shortly.

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Mr. F. A. Joseph was a passenger aboard the Imperial Airways' Delphinus which left Kai Tak yesterday morning.

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Passengers for Hanoi by the Imperial Airways R.M.A. Delphinus, which left Kai Tak yesterday morning, were Mr. J. A. Avramow and Mr. B. C. Westall.

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Passengers for Bangkok by the Imperial Airways' Delphinus which left Kai Tak at 7 a.m. yesterday are Dr. M. S. Lells, Mr. Oui Hung, and Mr. Ong Thye Ghee.

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Captain E. Himmelstrup and the Agents of the M.Y. Kina, (the East Asiatic Co., Ltd.) are giving a cocktail party on board that boat, tied up at Buoy A2, to-morrow at 6 p.m.

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Dr. C. Y. Wu, director of the Hongkong office of the Chinese Red Cross Society, has returned to the Colony from a trip to Malaya and the Netherlands East Indies.

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There is great enthusiasm among the natives to join the Netherlands Indies Army. During a recruiting campaign, 1,200 men sought enlistment in one district alone. Of these only 118 were accepted.

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Sir Archibald Kerr Clark Kerr, the British Ambassador to China, has decided to leave Shanghai for Hongkong en route to Chungking, on April 8, according to a Shanghai report received in Chungking.

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Amongst the passengers who left for Tientsin on board the S. S. Yusang on Sunday were Colonel Sir John Laurie, Bt., D.S.O., Commanding troops in North China, and Lady Laurie, and Major and Mrs. H. B. Park and two children.

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H.E. the Governor of Macao, Dr. Artur Tamignini de Souza Barbosa, accompanied by Dr. Larangeira, who will act as his Private Secretary during the journey, left by the Imperial Airways R.M.A. Delphinus for Bangkok yesterday, en route to Lisbon.

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Two Royal Marines selected to act as orderlies to the King during his visit to Canada and the United States are:—Sergt. Coombs, of the Portsmouth Division; and Sergt. Burden, from the R. M. Depot, Deal. Sergt. Burden belongs to the Plymouth Division R.M. Both hold the King's Badge.

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Mr. Tai Chiu-feng, magistrate of Fengyang in Anhwei Province, was promoted by a mandate issued by the National Government yesterday. The mandate says that Mr. Tai bravely led the militia units to harass the Japanese. He diverted all his personal allowances for official use so much so that his family, seeking refuge in Hunan, was in dire circumstances.

A large gathering of Chinese students was present at the King's and Queen's Theatres yesterday, when Children's Day, sponsored by the Overseas Educational Association (Hongkong Branch) and the Kowloon Educational Association, was observed.

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The Hon. Ruth Lever, 25-years-old daughter of Lord Leverhulme, has taken a 13-weeks lease of the Royalty Theatre, Chester, to run a repertory theatre. "My family know nothing of it at all," she said. "I shall collect actors from all over the country and put on modern and 'classic' plays."

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Passengers disembarking from the President Coolidge yesterday included Comdr. C. E. Coney, U.S. N., who is reporting for duty with the Asiatic Fleet, and Mrs. Coney, and Mr. W. R. Hadley, Managing Director of Goodyear Tyre and Rubber Company, who is accompanied by his wife and two children.

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Selangor State heads the list of applicant for enlistment in the Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve. Next comes Singapore, followed by Perak and Penang. Although the list has been open only a short time already nearly 100 British Europeans have sent in applications and the number of British non-Europeans is about a quarter of this number

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The death of Mr. W. S. Reeve Tucker, C.B.E., the well-known member of the planting community of Malaya until his retirement last year, occurred recently at The Grange, Whitchurch Hereford. Formerly member of the Federal Council and Selangor State Council, he served on many committees and public bodies and, in last year's birthday honours, was awarded the C.B.E. in recognition of his public services.

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"The more Jewish refugee musicians of real talent allowed to enter Far Eastern countries, the better, provided they can find a large enough clientele," said Dr. A. Mistowski, Far Eastern examiner for Trinity College of Music, London, on arrival at Singapore, on his way to China and Japan. Dr. Mistowski considered that the big increase in the number of Asiatic music students would permit the admission of a number of talented Jewish musicians.

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Mr. N. F. Allman, lawyer, associated with Messrs. Allman, Davies and Kops, of Shanghai, and Editor of the "Shunpao", Shanghai, passed through the Colony en route to Manila on board the s.s. President Coolidge yesterday. Others passing through on the same boat were Mr. A. de Las Alas, General Manager of Marsman and Company, and technical adviser to the Philippine Commission, en route to his home in Manila; Mr. J. W. Jones, Financial Advisor to the Philippines Governdent, returning from a vacation in the United States, and Mrs. Jones and Mr. O. Shaw, Export Manager of Mennan and Company, New York, on a business trip to Manila.

WOMAN CHIEF HONOURED

The honour of Commander of the Legion of Honour of France has been conferred by M. Lebrun, the French President, on the Clerk (Sir George Gater) and on Mrs E. M. Lowe, chairman of London County Council, who read a message of congratulation from the King at a ceremonial meeting in London on Mar. 20 to mark the jubilee of the Council.

Mr. Herbert Morrison, leader of the Council, referring to the first Council, said—"They created a London civic pride; they developed a London municipal enthusiasm; they cleared away every trace of suspicion that might have existed as to jobbing, bribery, favouritism, and corruption."

Sir Harold Webbe, leader of the municipal Reformers, said that much remained to be done, and they resented that for a time they were obliged to turn their minds a little from the constructive work of the Council to look to the defence of that liberty without which their work would be meaningless.

EUROPEAN Y.M.C.A. WOMEN'S SECTION

A Contract Bridge Social Morning was held to wind up the Contract Bridge Class which has now completed its second season, and also as an occasion for presenting tokens of appreciation to Mrs E. W. Wedlock—who organised this most successful item in the winter programme—and her efficient helpers, Mrs. L. M. Howie, Mrs. G. Gardner and Mrs. C. W. Clague.

There were four tables of bridge, an interval for tea and special refreshments to mark the occasion, and then more bridge until noon.

The two prizes presented by Mrs Wedlock were won by the following ladies:—

First Prize:—Mrs Boyce; Consolation:—Mrs. Dimberline and Mrs. Eardley tied for this, and cut for the winner, who was Mrs. Dimberline.

It was a most successful morning, and those members who wish to continue their bridge practice or to start learning will be very welcome on Tuesday mornings at 10 a.m., when some of the advanced players will be present to help. It is hoped to continue the regular class again next winter.

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Danish Pastry and Tea

DINNER

Noodle Soup
Vegetable Salad
Asparagus Omelette
Corn Souffle
Hot Cross Buns
Assorted Fruits
Coffee

FONG LAM GIRLS' ACADEMY OPENED

At a meeting held in the Oriental Theatre yesterday, the Fong Lam Girls' Academy was formally declared open. The school premises are situated in No. 11-12, Fung Fai Terrace, Happy Valley.

Mr. Tsen Chin-gam, Chairman of the Board of Trustees and a former Director of the Kwangtung Board of Education, who presided, commented on the objects for which the school had been established and emphasized that the institution would not only try to educate as many Chinese as possible, but would also teach them to be good and useful citizens.

Miss Sui Van-kong, the Principal of the Academy, stated that, with the help of the authorities, the school would do its best in training young Chinese girls. She and her pupils were very thankful for the shelter and protection given them in this Colony and she was sure the students would help to strengthen the friendship that existed between the British and the Chinese even after their graduation from the Academy.

The large audience present were next entertained with a variety programme which was thoroughly enjoyed.

FOUR WEDDINGS AT REGISTRY

Four weddings were solemnised at the Registry, Supreme Court, yesterday. The parties were:—

Mr. Wong Shiu-lun, of No. 150, Prince Edward Road, and Miss Lo Sau-mui, of No. 1 Hau Wong Road;

Mr. Cheng Tin-po, of No. 116, Tunglowan Road, and Miss Yue Hau-sai, of No. 48, Percival Street;

Mr. Wong Po-ching, of No. 2, Stanley Street, and Miss Lo Ying-ping, of No. 6, Luard Road; and

Mr. Yu Yiu-hin, of the Statistical Office, Imports and Exports Department, and Miss Leung Yeung-wai, of No. 240, Queen's Road West.

Mr. T. J. Gould, Deputy Registrar of Marriages, officiated at all ceremonies.

Round About

Two rickshaws were travelling in the same direction down a street. In one sat a young lady in the other, several feet behind, sat a young man leaning on an umbrella with a hook-handle.

The man signalled his rickshaw coolie to catch up with the one in front. At the same time, he called out the name of the young lady who evidently did not hear him or did not care to recognize the name and voice speaking to her.

The rickshaw coolies upon arriving at the end of the street were abreast each other. The man leaned forward and stretched out his arm; he had the end of the umbrella in his hand, the handle caught the young lady in the crook of the arm.

However, disaster lurked, the lady's rickshaw was going north and the man's was about to turn south. The two people were hooked together by an umbrella.

Over went the lady's rickshaw; the man let go his end of the umbrella and jumped to the ground.

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EDUCATION OF CHILDREN IN REFUGEE CAMPS

Miss E. Atkins' Appeal At Rotary Club Tiffin

An appeal for better education for children in the refugee camps was made by Miss E. Atkins, Headmistress of St. Stephen's College, and first lady member of the Board of Education in Hongkong, in the course of her address to the Hongkong Rotary Club at its weekly tiffin in the Roof Garden of the Hongkong Hotel yesterday.

Mr L. C. F. Bellamy presided and welcomed the following visiting Rotarians:—Rotarians Van der Schalk (Canton), P. Deitz (Shanghai) and J.M. Hensen (Nanking). Guests were Messrs. H. K. Chen, Peter U., U Sze-wing Fung Kwok-wa, A.H. Hesselman, Lam Tak-po, W.L. Louis, H.F. Sommers and Professor Wong Po-shan

Introducing the speaker, Mr. Bellamy said she had been engaged in educational work in Hongkong for about 15 years, and was Headmistress of St. Stephen's College. She had been educated at Oxford and Cambridge and during her career had done much experimental work in education. Recently the Government had given recognition to her services by appointing her to the unique position of only lady member of the Board of Education.

In beginning her speech, Mrs. Atkins drew attention to the fact that April 4 had, during the last six years, been kept in China as Children's Day, somewhat akin to the Youths' Movements which had sprung up in so many other countries in the world during the past few years.

"Many of the schools in Hongkong to-day," Miss Atkins went on "are in some way or another commemorating this "Children's Day," and in the refugee Camps the children are giving concerts, dancing and a play. In all the Camps there are schools organized by the Emergency Refugee Council. In the New Territories there are now four Government Camps, the largest being at Kam Tin. That was opened last summer at the time of the bombing of Canton and has been added to as need has arisen until at present it is capable of housing about 5,000 people.

Just now there are 700 children there and a large matshed has been erected as a school. It is divided into ten class-rooms each capable of holding 50 children, so it is hoped that before long 500 will be attending school there. It is in an ideal situation with plenty of space around for games and physical exercises.

AT FANLING

The Fanling North and South Camps are a great contrast. The unused railway trucks were occupied after the influx last November and just before Chinese New Year the people went back into Chinese territory. The bombing of Shum Chun, however, in February brought them back and the trucks are again full. Two hundred children have been receiving instruction in an old ruined house on the land just opposite the "Hunters' Arms." It was very primitive. That building is now needed in connection with the erection of a home for war orphans and the Fanling Refugee School has moved to the ground floor of a house in which the welfare workers live. Only 170 children can now be accommodated and 50 are not receiving any instruction.

After the Shum Chun bombing, a number of refugees who never found their way to any camp, built little hovels all over the hills near the frontier. Another matshed camp at Man Kam To has been built for them and another matshed school with rough built-in bamboo and wooden benches and desks for 200 pupils, leaving 50 children unprovided for.

These are all genuine refugee schools. In the Urban Camps, however, of which there are three, the population consists of some refugees, and a large number of the Hongkong and Kowloon poor street-sleepers, and destitutes—people who have a greater claim on us as fellow-citizens. In all these camps there are wooden welfare huts in which two rooms are set aside for school work. They are well equipped—one for Kindergarten and one for Primary work, but what are two rooms each accommodating 50 children when the numbers on the shool roll are 200 to 250?

Altogether in the three Camps 600 are enrolled and 460 cannot be accepted owing to lack of space. That means that altogether 1,300 children go to school, and 700 are still unoccupied.

$400 TO $500 A MONTH NEEDED

To keep up these schools, even to this extent, needs an outlay of some $400 to $500 a month. Through the sympathy and the generous donations in money and equipment from schools and individuals, it has been possible to start them, but there is little provision made for upkeep or expansion. Most people have given money for the relief of distress and that is spent on food, clothing or medical supplies—education is looked upon as a luxury.

There are many reasons why it is impossible to have free elementary education here yet as in England, but at least we have the opportunity now in the limited surroundings of these camps to give to some hundreds of these children the education which is their right.

I remember some years ago the Minister of Education from the National Government and the late Dr. Herman Liu passing through Hongkong on their way back from attending an Educational Conference in the Philippine Islands. They spoke to the Teachers' Association at the University of how impressed they were with the system of education as they found it in the Islands and at the swift transformation through education of the little savages of the hill tribes into civilised law abiding citizens. And they were going back into China enthusiastic in the cause of primary education for the masses.

"PLEASE HELP"

Some of the bigger schools in the Colony have contributed either money or equipment to the extent of $300 or $400. Gifts of rubber shoes, money, posters and equipment have been received from firms and individuals, while some have allowed us to buy at reduced rates; and what we are about to do now is to make a general appeal for money which can be used as a capital fund and thus make it necessary for us to make inroads on the small monthly grant which is available for current expenses.

It is true that "A little knowledge is a dangerous thing," but you have not to look far here before you realise that "No knowledge is a yet more dangerous one." Most of the social evils we see around us are due to ignorance, superstition and prejudice. The solution is partly found in education—please help to make it available for these children while there is a chance. (Applause).

SIR HENRY POLLOCK

Asked to thank the speaker, the Hon. Sir Henry Pollock paid tribute to the services rendered by Miss Atkins on behalf of education generally, and for the refugee children, endorsed her plea for more funds and contribution in kind and expressed the hope that members would give generously at the end of the meeting.

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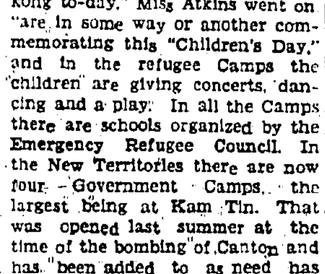

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SURPRISE RAID BY POLICE

Forged Banknotes Found

A surprise raid, which was carried out on the second floor of No. 210, Wing Lok Street, by the police on Mar. 6, resulted in the arrest of four unemployed men, Ho Kong, Chan Li-man, Ng Kam-lam and Cheung Lam, who were charged with the possession of forged banknotes before Mr. T. J. Houston at the Central Court yesterday.

In the first cubicle, the police found one forged $100 note of the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, one $50 note, ten $5 notes, two 25 guilder notes and 16 5-guilder notes of the Bank of Java and one 5-piastre note of the Bank of India.

Chan Li-man and Cheung Lam denied knowledge of the notes and was discharged. Ho Kong and Ng Kam-lam, who were arrested when returning home after the arrival of the police, were committed to the Criminal Sessions.

Detective-Inspector J. O'Donovan prosecuted.

NAVAL SEAMAN'S FUNERAL

The funeral of Able Seaman Cyril Herbert Boxall, of H.M.S. Birmingham, who died of pneumonia at the Royal Naval Hospital on Monday, took place yesterday at the Colonial Cemetery with full naval honours. The deceased is survived by his mother, who is in Surrey, England.

The Rev. W. H. S. Chapman, C.F., R.N., officiated at the graveside.

Wreaths were sent by the following:

The Commodore-in-charge, Officers and Men of the China Fleet at Hongkong, The ships' Company and comrades, Capt. E. J. F. Brind and Officers of H.M.S. Birmingham, the Commissioner and Warrant Officers of H.M.S. Birmingham, Captain and Officers of Ships' Coy. H.M.S. Delight.

Capt. E. J. F. Brind and officers of H.M.S. Birmingham were present at the graveside.

DOCTOR SUED BY MIDWIFE

Claim For Loan Repayment

A Chinese doctor's debt to a midwife was the subject of an action in the Supreme Court yesterday before the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor.

Li Tin-sang, who stated that he had practised medicine for ten years in Canton, was sued by Chan Shui-tuen, through her attorney, Chan Pun-shi, for repayment of $300 lent on May 5 last year, and costs.

Mr. Alfred S. K. Lau, for defendant, applied for an adjournment, saying that he understood plaintiff, who was in America, was returning to the Colony soon. There was correspondence between the parties, said Mr. Lau, which would show that they were in friendly terms and that the debt could be repaid at any time.

Mr. H. L. Kwan, who appeared for plaintiff, stated that the defence seemed to rely on the wording of the note of acknowledgment, which said that the debt was to be repaid "within six months or by instalments." He submitted that "or by instalments" meant instalments within six months.

NOT PROPERLY STAMPED

His Lordship drew Mr. Kwan's attention to the fact that the document acknowledging the debt, produced in Court, was not properly stamped, and on Mr. Kwan undertaking to remedy this and to pay the penalty of $50, the case was allowed to proceed.

Defendant, who claimed that he had repaid the sum of $25 and also that there should be a set-off of $172.40 for professional services rendered, testified to attending plaintiff on various occasions in Canton as well as in Hongkong.

Questioned as to what services he had rendered to merit his charging $10 for each consultation, witness said that on each occasion he felt plaintiff's pulse, asked her questions and prescribed some medicine.

The Chief Justice: You tell me that plaintiff is a midwife, which in these days appears to be a rather precarious occupation, and yet you charged her $10 for each visit. You must be quite a wealthy man!

Witness: All Chinese doctors charge these rates.

After further evidence, his Lordship gave judgment for plaintiff in the sum of $275 and costs.

COMMITTED TO SESSIONS

On a charge of murder of Wong King-tseun at the Nam Shan Tea Shop in Reclamation Street on Mar. 4, Leung Chi and Tsoi On-chui, earth coolies, were committed by Mr. Q.A.A. Macfadyen at the Kowloon Court yesterday to the Criminal Sessions.

At the conclusion of the hearing, the first defendant elected to call his sister to the witness stand, but changed his mind and reserved his defence for the Supreme Court. The second defendant also reserved his defence.

Mr. J. B. Prentis, Assistant Crown Solicitor, conducted the case for the prosecution, assisted by Det.-Inspector A. E. Carey.

ELECTION OF J.P.

Justices of the Peace cast their votes at the Urban Council Chamber yesterday afternoon for their choice of the nominees to the vacancy on the Licensing Board.

The two nominees are Mr. P. S. Cassidy, proposed by Mr. F. C. Hall and seconded by Mr. W. H. Lock, and Mr. C. M. Manners, proposed by Mr. B. Wylie and seconded by the Hon. Mr. Leo D'Almada e Castro, Jnr.

Mr. R. A. D. Forrest, First Magistrate, Hongkong, acted as scrutineer.

Mr. Cassidy was elected by 55 votes to 23.

REFUGEES IN THE COLONY

The following are the number of refugees and destitutes accommodated in Government Camps, etc., in Urban and Rural Areas as on April 1, 1939:—

Urban Areas (Civilians)

King's Park, 1,529 compared with 1,498 on Mar. 25.

Ma Tau Chung, 1,049 compared with 1,046 on Mar. 25.

North Point, 1,654 compared with 1,652 on Mar. 25.

Urban Areas (Soldiers)

Lai Chi Kok Hospital (Upper Ward), 21 compared with 27 on Mar. 25.

Ma Tau Chung, 772 compared with 771 on Mar. 25.

Rural Areas

Kam Tin, 3,459 compared with 3,321 on Mar. 25.

Fanling (North), 814 compared with 815 on Mar. 25.

Fanling (South), 963 compared with 1,002 on Mar. 25.

Gill's Cutting, 667 compared with 659 on Mar. 25.

Man Kam To, 1,021 compared with 1,147 on Mar. 25.

The Chinese Chamber of Commerce held their monthly meeting yesterday. Amongst those present were Mr. Li Shing-kui (chairman), Mr. J. M. Wong (vice-chairman) and about 24 members. Consent was given to lending the Chamber's library for A.R.P. lectures, while a letter from the Salvation Army for assistance from the Chamber's Relief Association was read.

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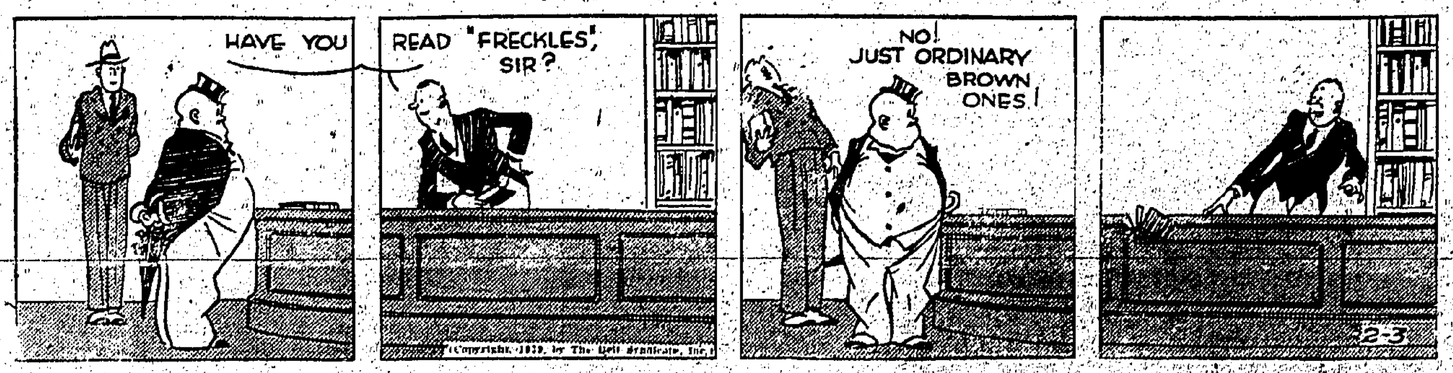

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PROBATE JURISDICTION

IN THE GOODS o CECILIA PALMIRA BRANCA CONCEICAO MARQUES COUPER late of President Apartments, 530 Nathan Road, Kowloon in the Colony of Hongkong, Widow, deceased.

NOTICE is hereby given that he Court has by virtue of the rovisions of Section 58 of Ordin. nce No. 2 of 1897 made an order imiting the time for creditors and thers to send in their claims gainst the above estate to 29th pril, 1939.

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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS

NOTICE IS HEREBY IVEN that the ORDINARY EARLY MEETING of the ociety will be held at the HEAD FFICE, Union Building, Hong ong, on Friday, 21st APRIL, 939, at 11 a.m., for the purpose receiving the Report of the irectors and the Statements of ccount to 31st December, 1938, nd of declaring Dividend, etc.

The SHARE TRANSFER OOKS of the Society will be LOSED from 3rd APRIL to 1st APRIL, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
A. W. HUGHES,
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Hong Kong, 20th March, 1939.
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THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS

NOTICE IS HEREBY IVEN that the SEVENTIETH DINARY YEARLY MEET- NG of the Company will be ld at its HEAD OFFICE, nion Building, Hong Kong, FRIDAY, 21st APRIL, 1939, 11.20 a.m., for the purpose receiving the Report of the irectors and the Statements of ccount to 31st December, 1938, nd of declaring Dividends, etc.

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Hong Kong, 20th March, 1939.
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NOTICE IS HEREBY IVEN that the SEVENTY- HIRD ORDINARY YEARLY EETING of the Company will held at its HEAD OFFICE, nion Building, Hong Kong, FRIDAY, 21st APRIL, 1939, 11.25 a.m., for the purpose receiving the Report of the irectors and the Statements of ccount to 31st December, 1938, nd of declaring Dividend, etc.

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Hongkong, 4th April, 1939.
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G. R.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

PARTICULARS AND CONDITIONS of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on Tuesday, the 11th day of April, 1939, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at Ma Tau Chung, in the Colony of Hong Kong for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the KING, for one further term of 75 years.

Intending bidders are advised that immediately after the disposal of the lot the Purchaser (if not the applicant), will be required to deposit with an authorised officer who will be present at the sale, the sum of two hundred dollars, ($200) in cash. This sum will be refunded on payment of the Purchase price.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT

No. of Sale.	Registry No.	Locality.	Boundary Measurements. N.	E.	S.	W.	Contents in Square feet.	Annual Rental.	Upset Price.
			ft.	ft.	ft.	ft.		$	$
1	New Kowloon Inland Lot No. 4132.	Between Kowloon Inland Lots Nos. 3935 & 4044, Ma Tau Chung Road, Ma Tau Chung.	As per sale plan				About 9,660	110	7,245

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2	Kowloon Inland Lot No. 4133.	Junction of Ma Tau Chung Road and Kwangsi Street, Ma Tau Chung.	As per sale plan				About 4,030	46	2,023

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Applicants are informed that those selected to attend the examination on 11th April will be notified separately.

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			ft.	ft.	ft.	ft.		$	$
3	Kowloon Inland Lot No. 4134.	Opposite Kowloon Inland Lot No. 3475, Bedford Rd., Tai Kok Tsui.	As per sale plan				About 7,200	139	14,400

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4	Kowloon Inland Lot No. 4136.	Junction of Pak Tai Street and Ma Tau Kok Road, Ma Tau Kok.	As per sale plan.				About 8,430	164	4,393

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GERMANY FEARS WAR

ALTHOUGH HITLER persists in resorting to his bluff methods and sabre-rattling, a close survey of conditions in Germany reveals that public opinion in the Reich is definitely changing and that there is a general fear of war in that country. In the early years of the Nazi regime, the one topic on which nearly all Germans agreed was foreign policy. Rearmament was welcomed as a gesture against the restrictions of Versailles, but the danger of war seemed remote. In the summer of 1938, however, it was realized that rearmament had something more than a symbolic significance. Thousands under arms, thousands engaged on the western fortifications, endless air-raid rehearsals—these inescapable facts brought the public, as a whole, face to face with the possibility of war. The wild scenes which greeted the Munich Agreement were inspired not so much by the acquisition of the Sudetenland as by relief that war had been averted. The most surprising feature about the phase of governmental popularity which followed Munich was that it lasted for so short a time.

CAUSES of disillusionment included the realization after the crisis how serious the situation had in fact been and the extent to which England was becoming prepared for war; the bitter and uncompromising tone of Hitler's speeches which belied the general hope that the time for alarms and excursions had passed; the discontent over the fact that men under arms or engaged on military fortifications were not more rapidly released; the anti-Jewish rioting, which alienated the sympathies of many non-political Germans who had previously tended to discount stories as Jewish propaganda but who now could not close their eyes to excesses in their own neighbourhood.

GERMANY TO-DAY has reached a stage which the sterilizing effects of over-organization are becoming more and more apparent. It is not merely that there is little to appreciate. Many are too tired, both mentally and physically, to raise enthusiasm for any cause. Another unintentional consequence reported is seen in the attitude of the public to sensational news. Most Germans consider that the Czechs grossly maltreated the German minority, but nevertheless the violent anti-Czech campaign raised surprisingly little indignation. The excitements of the last twelve months have greatly weakened the appeal which National Socialism formerly made to the German sense of order and security.

MORE TANGIBLE, although not necessarily more important, than the general exhaustion is discontent with the mounting burden of taxation, open and concealed. Having long emphasized Germany's economic hardships and weaknesses, the Nazi Government now has to convince the citizen that the same State can bear the overwhelming burden of rearmament. Few Nazis now believe that the present rate of expenditure can be indefinitely prolonged.

IT IS HARD to believe that the strain in Germany can be repeated without a serious collapse of morale. The German people could not have been less enthusiastic for war than in September last when the nominal cause would have been the rescue of the Sudeten Germans about whose grievances they felt strongly. What the reaction therefore to a war fought in fulfilment of Axis obligations or as a result of Hitler's insatiable greed will be a question which must give Germany's more responsible leaders cause for anxious reflexion.

ENGLISH ASSCN. LAST MEETING OF SEASON

Interesting Paper By Mrs. Allinson

The last meeting of the English Association's 1938-39 season was held in the hall of the Helena May Institute yesterday afternoon.

A paper "The Influence of Italian on the 15th and 16th Century English Literature," was read by Mrs. M. Allinson, of the Central British School.

Mrs. Allinson's paper dealt more with the relation of Italy and her people on English literature, rather than the influence.

The education derived from travel, expeditions, wars, diplomatic missions was brought to Italian literature, and also formed a background and foundation of understanding between this country and England.

The faithful portrayal of events and people by Italian writers has proved very useful to the English and can be found in many of their manuscripts, according to Mrs. Allinson, who enlarged upon these subjects at some length.

Poetry, drama and the creators were discussed, the church being the first to thoroughly realize the great use of drama for teaching and education.

The reading of Mrs. Allinson's paper, which showed a great deal of thought, research and study required three-quarters of an hour. At the conclusion a discussion took place.

EAST SURREYS FOR H.K.

Middlesex Leaving At End Of Year

The Middlesex Regiment is due to leave Hongkong during the trooping season at the end of the year, and their place here will be taken by the East Surreys, which are at present stationed in Shanghai.

The programme, as far as it affects Hongkong and Shanghai, as announced by the military authorities yesterday, is as follows:—

1st Battalion, Highland Light Infantry from Fort George, Scotland, to Shanghai.

2nd Battalion, East Surrey Regiment from Shanghai to Hongkong.

1st Battalion Seaforth Highlanders from Shanghai to Bareilly, India.

1st Battalion, Royal Northumberland Fusiliers from Palestine to Hongkong.

1st Battalion, Middlesex Regiment, from Hongkong to Malta.

AIRPORT NEWS

Imperial Airways

NORTHBOUND

Wednesday:—Bangkok, Hanoi, Hongkong. Delia, Delphinus—4 and 5 p.m.

SOUTHBOUND

Friday:—Hanoi, Bangkok. Dorado—7.30 a.m.

Air France

NORTHBOUND

Thursday:—France, Hanoi, Hongkong. Service—12.30 p.m.

SOUTHBOUND

Saturday:—Hanoi, France. Service—6.30 a.m.

Pan American Airways

EASTBOUND

Wednesday:—U.S.A., Manila, Hongkong. California Clipper—noon.

WESTBOUND

Thursday:—Manila, U.S.A. California Clipper—8.30 a.m.

STEEL COULSON'S LEAGUE DANCE

Steel Coulson's Billiards, Snooker and Darts' League are holding their annual dance at the China Fleet Club on Saturday, April 15. Dancing will be from 8.30 p.m. to 1 a.m. (dress optional) and the presentation of trophies will take place during the interval.

EXPERIENCE IN JAPAN

AS NARRATED BY A RETURNED STUDENT

By S. S. CHOW

Japan, as a country, is well known for her effective police force. When you first enter the country it is impossible to find out its strength. But soon after you settle down you will begin to appreciate its effective work. The Japanese police pay particular attention to foreign residents. If you happen to move in to your house an old wardrobe they will post sentries round you until you feel uneasy over their presence. They may shadow you as long as you have not shown them what you have in the wardrobe.

The so-called criminal investigator in Japan is a plain-cloth policeman who may look in your window from time to time. He may also rush in suddenly to your room to interview you. During my stay in Tokyo I had six such visits from a criminal investigator.

If you happen to notice that your house had been broken into during your absence you may rest assured that it was not the work of a burglar for burglars though numerous in Japan dare not make their living in broad daylight. A Japanese criminal investigator has the right to break into your house without your consent and this is one of the measures adopted by the authorities for your protection.

ABRUPT VISITS

I left Tokyo two years ago, but have still in my memory an impression of Mr. Obashi. He was the criminal investigator attached to the Tokyo Police Headquarters who had paid me six abrupt visits. Every time when Tokyo is mentioned his name crops up in my mind.

He knocked at my door punctually between 4 and 5 o'clock in the afternoon when I had come back from school. He always knocked in the same manner and the same number of times, no more and no less. The moment the door was opened he would say, "Mr. Wei, I have not seen you for some time. May I come in?" He then entered and centred his eyes on my table.

"Can you let me read these books?" he would say.

"Yes, if you like," was always my reply.

After searching those on the table he would walk to the book racks to search some more. When he became disappointed he would smilingly say:

"Mr. Wei, you must possess very good knowledge of Chinese?

A FRIENDLY TALK

He never showed disappointment in his countenance. On the other hand, he would give you the impression that he came merely for a friendly talk.

I generally offered him a "Rat" cigarette. But he would give an "Aeroplane" in return. His talk would take me round from a fly to the world at large. If we touched on amusement he would urge me to patronize the tea rooms and even women. He would then offered to act as my guide.

Before concluding the talk he would ask if I ever wrote anything for publication. I would reply in the negative. But Mr. Obashi always refused to accept my explanation in its full value. He would say, "Never mind we never tortured people here. The rumours outside are misleading." "Yes," I would tell him, "I never believed those rumours."

The conversation continued until 6 p.m. when I would switch on the light. He would say, "Well, is it six now? Your clock must be wrong."

APOLOGIZE

"No," I replied, and he would apologize for the inconvenience caused me.

"You must have your supper now," he would say, and then reached for a cigarette.

Mr. Obashi always kept his appointment. He would call in to see you once a month. I told him a good joke on one occasion. After my excursion from a hot spring one Saturday I met him the following day.

He said, "Hot spring is a nice place?"

May be it was a warning to me, but I said in reply, "You have added one more credit mark to your record."

This reply took him by surprise and for some little time he could not utter a word. Eventually he said, "good-bye" laconically and left.

APRIL RECORD LOWERED

A 34-year-old temperature record was broken yesterday morning, when the mercury recording at the Royal Observatory fell to 51.7 degrees, a tenth of a degree lower than the lowest April recording in Hongkong history, on April 4, 1905.

A further one per cent. drop in humidity was recorded in the Observatory 4 p.m. report. There was no rainfall between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m., but there was a short spell of rain about 7 o'clock in the evening.

THE SPIRIT OF VOLUNTARY SERVICE

LONDON, April 4 (Reuter)—In answer to several questions in the House of Commons yesterday, Mr. Neville Chamberlain declared that the decision to double the Territorial Field Army in order to provide scope for a practical expression of the spirit of voluntary service now manifest, should be sufficient evidence of the determination of the country to play an active part in the event of an emergency.

FRENCH AIR MINISTER'S VISIT TO LONDON

LONDON, April 4 (Reuter)—The plane in which the French Air Minister, M. Guy La Chambre, left Paris yesterday, for his visit to London to confer with the British Air Minister, Sir Kingsley Wood, made a forced landing at an aerodrome near Woking, but nobody was injured.

One of the chief points in his talks with Sir Kingsley Wood will be British and French collaboration in military aircraft.

CHANGE OF POLICY TOWARDS BRITAIN BY JAPAN

TOKYO, April 4 (Reuter)—Japan must completely and immediately change her policy towards Great Britain, declares the newspaper "Nichi Nichi," which is the Army's mouthpiece.

The newspaper adds: "Japan must now watch Europe too and events may compel her to strengthen the Anti-Comintern Pact, whether the governments like it or not."

Picture taken at the First Extra Race meeting held at the Valley. (Photo by Leica).

BRITISH GOVERNMENT'S DEPARTURE FROM TRADITIONAL IDEAS

German Assurances Flung To The Winds And Confidence Completely Destroyed

POLICY APPROVED BY WHOLE EMPIRE

LONDON, APRIL 4 (REUTER)—"GERMAN ASSURANCES HAVE NOW BEEN FLUNG TO THE WINDS. That is a new fact which has completely destroyed confidence and forced the British Government to make the great departure from our traditional ideas," declared Mr. Neville Chamberlain, the British Prime Minister, in the course of the House of Commons debate on Foreign Affairs yesterday.

Prime Minister's Speech In House Of Commons

Mr. Neville Chamberlain, who was received with loud cheering, said the declaration of Friday last was a tremendous departure from anything this country had undertaken, and it constituted if not a new epoch, a new point in our foreign policy.

"We have departed from our traditional ideas," the Premier exclaimed.

"The declaration is not concerned with a frontier incident. If Poland were threatened, I have no doubt the Polish people would resist. In that case the declaration means that France and ourselves would immediately come to her assistance. (Cheers).

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POLICY APPROVED

"The whole Empire approves our policy. I hope our action which has begun, but is not yet completed, will prove to be the turning point, not towards war, which wins and ends nothing, but towards some wholesome era when reason will take the place of force, and threats will make way for cool, well-marshalled arguments." (Cheers).

Referring to the suggested encirclement of Germany, Mr. Chamberlain continued: "It is fantastic to suggest that our policy, which is a policy of self-defence, can be described as encirclement, if by that term is meant encirclement for the purpose of aggressive action.

"I do not wish to-day to attempt to specify what governments we may now, or in the near future, find it desirable to consult on the situation, but I would make one allusion to the Soviet Union because I appreciate that the Soviet Union is always in the thoughts of the Opposition, and that they are still a little suspicious as to whether so-called ideological differences may not be dividing us in what otherwise would be in the interests of us both.

IDEOLOGICAL DIFFERENCES

"I do not pretend for one moment that ideological differences do not exist. They remain unchanged. But our point is that whatever may be those ideological differences, they do not really count in a question of this kind. What we are concerned with is to preserve our independence. Here I mean the independence of all States which may be threatened by aggression."

SUPPORT OF ALL PARTIES

Mr. Arthur Greenwood, who initiated the debate in the House of Commons, declared his belief that when the House rose, it would be clear to the world that in Britain there was a universal detestation of recent events, and the determination of the British people to co-operate with all other nations in establishing a formidable and unsurpassable barrier against aggression.

Sir Archibald Sinclair, Opposition Liberal, said he considered the interim guarantee given to Poland an instalment in the existing situation, and an indispensable instalment.

"The contention that Herr Hitler is aiming at world domination is not now in dispute."

MR. CHURCHILL'S SPEECH

Mr. Winston Churchill ridiculed the idea that British policy aimed at encirclement. He had always preached the doctrine that similar assurances be given to Germany herself if she desired them.

"It is wonderful," continued Mr. Churchill, "that led by the Prime Minister, Britain has at length declared in the clearest terms, and with almost unanimity, that the defence of European freedom and the reign of law constitute the cause in which she will dare all and do all.

"He would be a bold dictator who would deliberately set himself to destroy the French Republic and the British Empire acting together.

NO SURRENDER

Mr. David Lloyd George heartily congratulated Mr. Chamberlain on reverting to the policy on which he fought the last general election, namely, no cowardly surrender to aggressors.

"The Prime Minister has opened a new chapter in the history of this country, and the nations of the earth," said Mr. Lloyd George.

MR. EDEN'S SUPPORT

Mr. Anthony Eden joined issue with Mr. Lloyd George on some strategical points raised during the debate.

He said that while half of Germany's military forces might be on Poland's frontier, at least half would be on the Western front, and an offensive on both fronts would be extremely difficult, if not impossible.

Another important difference compared with 1914 was that Turkey and Egypt were friendly.

CHINESE PUPPET ATTACKED

KINHWA, April 4 (Central)—Chen Chi-tsung, a former detective of the Police Bureau at Wusih, silk-producing town on the Nanking-Shanghai Railway, was shot and wounded by an assailant on March 31.

The victim who is alleged to be working for the Japanese, was attacked as he was leaving his house. The assailant made good his escape.

POSITION OF STATES BORDERING ON GERMANY IN JEOPARDY

STATEMENT BY VISCOUNT HALIFAX IN HOUSE OF LORDS

LONDON, April 4 (Reuter)—"It is not unnatural for other countries bordering on Germany to feel that their independence might equally be in jeopardy," declared Viscount Halifax, British Foreign Minister, in the course of a statement which he made in the House of Lords yesterday on Foreign Affairs.

Lord Halifax referred to the recent declaration on Poland, and declared that contacts with the French Government throughout these anxious times had been very close.

The two Governments found themselves at one on all points, and His Majesty's Government had constantly been able to count on the ready and wholehearted co-operation of the French.

Making observations on the scope and purpose of Mr. Chamberlain's statement on Poland, Viscount Halifax said that after Herr Hitler's speech of January 30 last, it seemed possible to hope that nothing would occur to shake confidence in Europe.

RELATIONS WITH RUSSIA

"I may say at once," added Viscount Halifax, "that the Government is fully alive to the importance of the attitude of the Soviet Government, and it attaches value to good relations with Russia.

"We are bound to have regard to the fact that the relations of some States with Russia are complicated, but I can assure the House that so far as His Majesty's Government is concerned, these difficulties do not exist."

Referring to the arrival of Colonel Beck, Viscount Halifax said he was looking forward to a frank discussion with him on the many problems of common interest.

Again referring to the Government's action regarding Poland, the Foreign Secretary said that this was represented in certain quarters as a desire to encircle Germany. Nothing could be further from the truth.

KING GHAZI KILLED IN ACCIDENT

PARIS, April 4 (Reuter)—According to a "Havas" report, from Baghdad, King Ghazi, aged 27, was killed in a motor accident which occurred about midnight yesterday. The heir to the throne is Emir Feisal, who was born in 1935.

Transocean states that King Ghazi was born on March 21 1912, in Mecca. He was the son of King Feisal Ibn Hussein after whose death in 1935 he ascended the throne. He married Emire Alifa, the daughter of the former King Ali of Hejas

The three-year-old son of the late King Ghazi has been proclaimed King Feisul II. Emir Abdullah, uncle of the new Ruler, was appointed Regent, says Reute.

IRISH MEETINGS FORBIDDEN

BELFAST, April 4 (T/Ocean)—The North Irish Home Minister, Sir Dawson Bates, last night issued a proclamation forbidding all meetings, demonstrations and processions in commemoration of the Irish Easter revolt.

This precautionary measure has been taken after a Belfast policeman, in a fight with two South Irish Extremists, seized a parcel alleged to have contained detailed plans for an attack by the Extremists on the police barracks during Easter week.

"THIS IS BECOMING TOO MUCH FOR ME!"

A UNITED HOUSE OF COMMONS

UNITED BRITAIN

Broader And Surer Basis For Peace

LONDON, April 4 (Reuter)—Sir John Simon, in winding up the debate on Foreign Affairs in the House of Commons yesterday, declared: "Everything that will make Britain stronger and more united must be pushed forward.

"Neither convenience, comfort, wealth, insular tradition nor practice can put the scales against what is necessary now and we must throw the whole potential strength of Britain into this essential work.

"That strength must be used, if the necessary occasion arose, to resist aggression and to fight, but I conceive the effort as an organisation to make for a broader and surer basis for peace and, if peace is secured, it will be a united House of Commons that helped to secure it."

RUMANIA'S ARMAMENT NEEDS

Britain Prepared To Assist

LONDON, Apr. 4 (Reuter)—In The House of Commons yesterday, Mr. R. A. Butler said that the British Government was prepared at all times to give sympathetic consideration to the possibility of meeting the armament requirements of Rumania, both in naval and other spheres.

Mr. Arthur Henderson asked whether reports had been received of the presence of German troops and warplanes in Italy.

Mr. Butler declared that his reports did not confirm such statements.

Replying to a question on Danzig, Mr. Butler said that the question of Danzig would no doubt come up in the discussions with Colonel Beck.

PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS IN DENMARK

German Party Fail To Increase Seats

COPENHAGEN, Apr. 4 (Reuter)—The German Party failed to increase their representation for North Slesvig in the Folketing, or Lower House, to two seats, as a result of the Parliamentary elections.

North Slesvig was annexed by Bismarck in 1866, and returned to Denmark by plebiscite after the war.

The German Party had hoped to return another member as well as Moeller, their leader. Although the Party failed to secure two seats, they nevertheless polled nearly 15,000 votes, as compared with the more than 12,500 votes polled in the 1935 elections.

GUERILLAS HOLD KULING

CHANGSHA, Apr. 4 (Central)—In spite of the loss of Nanchang, the Chinese guerillas on Kuling, the summer resort in north Kiangsi, are still holding out staunchly. Taking advantage of the Japanese occupation in military operations west of Nanchang, the guerillas have descended again and again from the hill during the past week to damage communication lines and harass the Japanese rear.

FORT BAYARD BOMBED

From Our Own Correspondent

CHUNGSHAN, Apr. 4—A report from Kwangchouwan stated that six Japanese warplanes bombed Fort Bayard on Mar. 29 and inflicted over a hundred casualties among the civilian population. Many houses were blown to bits.

The detonation was so loud that it was plainly heard in Kwangchouwan, French leased territory. It is believed that this bombing was intended to harass the people in Kwangchouwan.

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ITALIAN INVASION OF ALBANIA?

MUSSOLINI'S MOVE

Bitter Press Attacks On Britain And France: Poland Warned

ROME, April 4 (Reuter)—Rumours circulating ten days ago, but verbally denied in official quarters, that Italian troops were preparing to make a landing in Albania were revived to-night with reports that troopships are standing by for emergency at Bari and Brindisi and that some 20,000 men are concentrated in the district.

It is gathered from well-informed circles that whatever action Italy took would have the entire agreement of King Zog.

The burden of the reports is that Albania would consent to be an Italian semi-protectorate.

ROME, April 4 (Reuter)—"Illusion and intrigue continue to inspire the policy of the democracies," declares Signor Gayda writing in the "Giornale D'Italia," in regard to Col. Beck's visit to London. Signor Gayda says that the British ad French policies are wrong and warns them that Italy cannot wait indefinitely.

He said that she will wait "merely as a last proof of moderation, but her wait may be short. Let the French have no illusions on the matter.

Signor Gayda warns Poland that if she enters into an understanding with Britain and France it would amount to an offensive encirclement of Germany and reminds Poland of what happened to the others who were under the wing of Britain and France—Ethiopia, China, Spain and Czechoslovakia.

The "Critica Fascista" article, entitled "Necessity of the Axis," declares that "a democratic alliance against Germany and Herr Hitler would be implicitly and fatally directed against Italy and Signor Mussolini."

24,000 JAPANESE KILLED ON ALL FRONTS

CHUNGKING, Apr. 4 (Central)—Some 24,000 Japanese soldiers were killed and 711 captured alive on the various fronts from March 16 to 31, according to an official report just released.

Besides, 757 Japanese war horses, 3,420 rifles, 26 machine-guns, five field guns and 7,355 round of ammunition were seized, seven Japanese war vessels were sunk, three Japanese airmen, and many sections of railway and highway were badly damaged.

WILL ENROL IN FRENCH ARMY

METZ, Apr. 4 (Reuter)—German refugees have sent M. Daladier, French Prime Minister, a copy of a resolution informing him that in the event of war they would enrol in the French Army.

There are 10,000 refugees, including women and children, in Marselle province. They come from the Rhineland zone.

According to a recent decree it is possible for foreigners to enrol in the French Army in special battalions.

TO PUBLISH IN CHANGSHA

CHANGSHA, April 4 (Central)—The "Central Daily News," official organ of the National Government, will start a Changsha edition here beginning April 15, all preparations having been completed by a special representative of the journal's head office at Chungking, who was sent to attend to publication matters here.

MILITARY ACTIVITY IN ITALY

Concentration Of Troops Reported Opposite Albania

LONDON, April 4 (Reuter)—While it is not denied there are indications of military activity in Italy, British official circles in London declare they have no information to support reports that Italy is concentrating troops at ports lying opposite Albania.

It is stated the British Government finds it difficult to believe the Italian Government would take action liable to impair the independence or freedom of action of Albania.

It is further pointed out that anything that did so impair the independence of Albania would violate the Anglo-Italian Agreement.

A semi-official statement from Tirana declares, "Certain foreign newspapers and several radio stations announced to-day that a protectorate over Albania was imminent. This news can be considered as without foundation as Albania would never admit violation of her independence or her integrity."

KONGMOON IN JAPANESE HANDS

MACAO, April 4 (Reuter)—Following the Japanese retreat on Sunday they returned yesterday in greater force. Employing planes and artillery they succeeded in expelling the Chinese from Kongmoon yesterday who retreated in the direction of Sunwui and severe fighting is in progress.

JAPANESE BOMBED

MACAO, April 4 (Central)—Twelve Chinese planes bombed the Japanese in the Kongmoon sector yesterday.

Some 6,000 Kwangsi troops have arrived at an undisclosed point and are pushing toward the Kongmoon sector to counter-attack the Japanese.

Several Japanese warships are off Kongmoon. Sunwui city is reported to be quiet.

BITTER FIGHTING AT KONGMOON

SZEWUI, KWANGTUNG, Apr. 4 (Central)—Bitter fighting continues around Kongmoon, according to latest field dispatches. Crack Chinese reinforcements have arrived to assist in the counter-offensive against the Japanese. Chinese able-bodied civilians have been organised and deployed at various vantage points to harass the invaders.

Japanese Action In Tientsin & Tsingtao

QUESTIONS IN COMMONS

PEARL RIVER

LONDON, April 4 (Reuter)—Mr. I. C. Hannah asked the Government in the House of Commons yesterday what reply had been received from the Japanese Government to the British Government's representations against surrounding the British and French Concessions at Tientsin with barricades of live wire, and what action the British Government had taken to secure protection and freedom of movement as well as means of subsistence for Britons and their employees in Tientsin.

Mr. R. A. Butler said that the restrictions were lifted on February 8 though the barriers remained. No reports had reached him regarding interruption of food supplies. The situation generally aroused some uneasiness, and His Majesty's representative would continue to press for the restoration of normal conditions.

In another answer, Mr. Butler stated that Lord Halifax was expecting a report on the reported anti-British agitation which was being carried on by the Nanking Provisional Government.

In a written reply to Mr. Walter Smiles, Mr. Butler stated that the Pearl River was not yet re-opened to the British, but His Majesty's Government was taking all possible steps to secure its re-opening as soon as possible.

LONDON, April 3 (Reuter)—Mr. Owen St. Clair O'Malley, former Minister to Mexico, has been appointed British Minister at Budapest in succession to Sir Geoffrey Knox.

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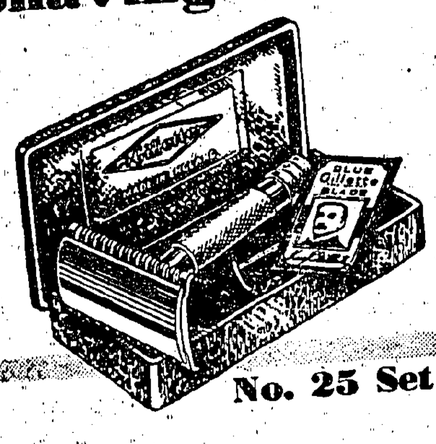

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Dr. Phoon Seck-wah Gives Evidence At Inquest: Chinese Air Officer's Death

DR. PHOON SECK-WAH, WHO PERFORMED THE OPERATION ON CAPT. WONG HON-MUN, of the Chinese Air Force, at the Hongkong Sanatorium and Hospital (formerly Yeung Wo Hospital) gave evidence at the Central Court yesterday when the inquest on the death of Capt. Wong who died following the operation on Mar. 20, was resumed Mr. R. A. D. Forrest sat as Coroner.

Mr. D. L. Strellett watched the proceedings on behalf of the Commission of Aeronautical Affairs, while Mr. George She and Mr. Peter H. Sin held a watching brief on behalf of the Hongkong Sanatorium and Hospital and Dr. Phoon Seck-wah (who performed the operation), respectively.

Captain Wong, sustained an injured collar bone at Chungking and was specially conveyed to Hongkong to be given medical treatment by the Commission of Aeronautical Affairs of Chungking. He entered the Hospital on Mar. 7 and an operation to adjust a dislocated collar bone was performed on Mar. 20, by Dr. Phoon Seck-wah.

When the operation was almost completed, Dr. Au Yeung, who was assisting, noticed that the patient's breathing had stopped. An injection to stimulate the lungs and heart was given and artificial respiration was applied.

Capt. Wong's breathing was re-established, but he died shortly after 6 p.m. It was stated that during the one-and-a-half-hours' operation, 14½ ounces of ether anaesthetic had been used. The quantity, however, was said to be an average amount, according to Ho Hon-shing, dresser.

TWO METHODS

Dr. Phoon Seck-wah in evidence, stated that he advised Capt. Wong that the collar bone needed treatment and suggested two ways of treating the injury. The first was to bring back the bone into position and to rely on nature to do the rest, and the second was an operation. Deceased chose the first method but ultimately desired the second treatment.

On Mar. 15, prior to the operation, he examined the patient and found that his general condition was good and that he was fit to undergo an operation. On Mar. 20, about 12.30 p.m., the operation was performed. The patient was normal until almost the end of the operation when he stopped breathing.

Dr. Phoon then deposed to the injection and artificial respiration to re-establish breathing and added that about 3.30 p.m. the patient was taken back to the ward, respiration having improved. He instructed the ward sister to administer an injection to the patient every four hours. He left the ward and was informed that the patient had died after 6 o'clock that evening.

The hearing was adjourned until 2.30 p.m. on April 11.

DEMANDED MONEY UNDER THREAT

G. Singh, a 22-year-old unemployed, pleaded guilty to a charge of demanding $2 from a Chinese at Bowen Road, and was sentenced to four months' hard labour, without the option of a fine, by Mr. R. A. D. Forrest at the Central Court yesterday.

Detective-Sergeant Cashman, who prosecuted, told the Court that the complainant, Ip Chunwai, was picking some leaves from a tree in Bowen Road on Monday. Defendant confronted him, accusing him of having violated the law, and said he would take him to the police station. While on the way, defendant demanded the sum of two dollars from Ip. Having no money Ip offered to pawn his watch.

They went to a pawn shop and mortgaged the watch for $2. Ip, however, wrote down the numbers of the notes on the pawn ticket. Discovering Ip's precaution, Singh attempted to change the notes, but complainant snatchd them back and blew a police whistle for help. A constable arrived and took the parties to the station.

Singh had two previous convictions against him, the last one being two and half years ago.

WOMAN INJURED IN ROBBERY

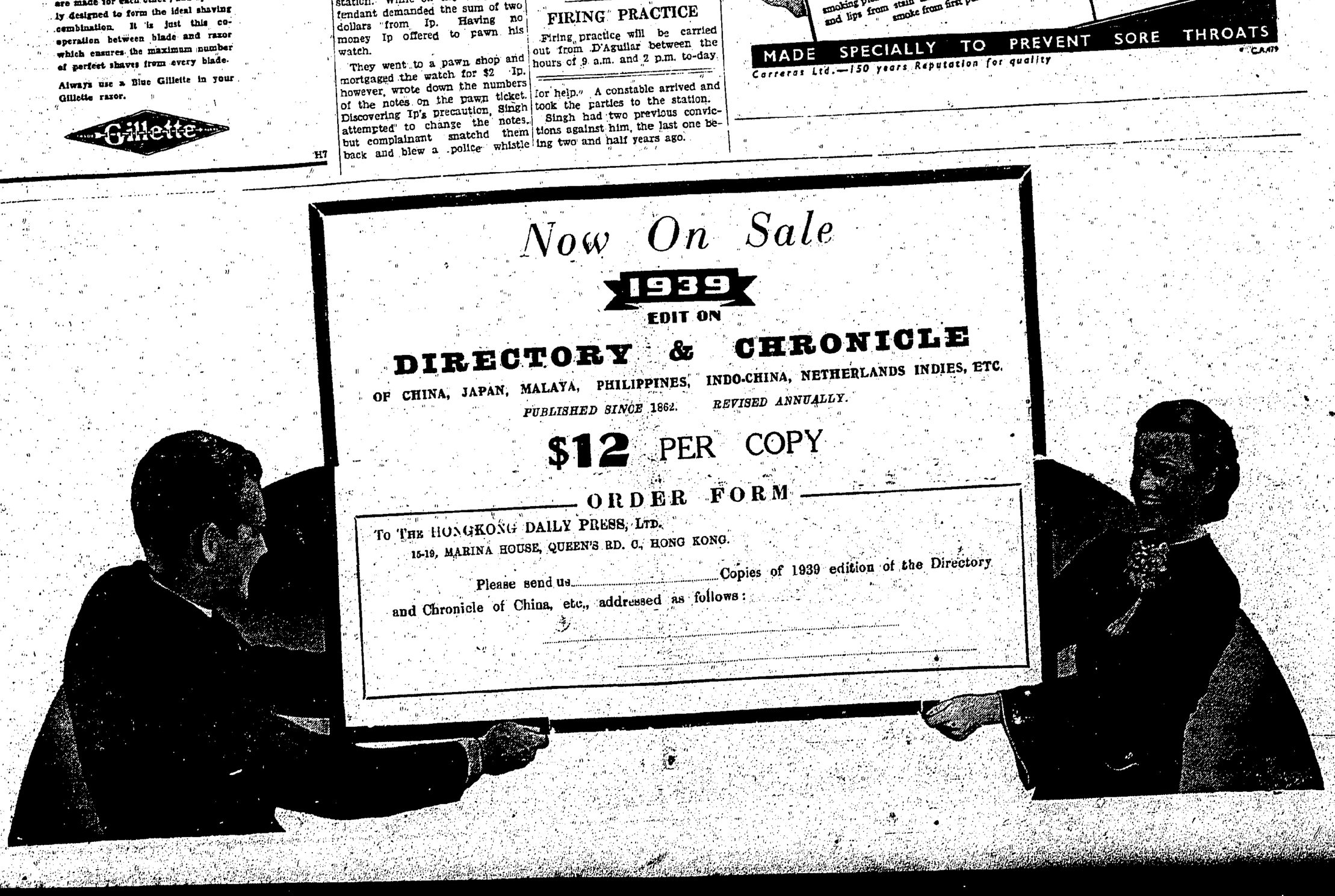
A woman who was admitted to the Kwong Wah Hospital, Kowloon, on Monday evening with shot wounds in the leg had come all the way from Po On district, Chinese territory, to have medical treatment.

Kong Nim-tai, the woman concerned, lived in Pakha Village, in Po On. On Monday, about 9 a.m., her house was entered by a gang of about ten armed robbers and in a struggle with them she was shot in the right leg.

She was brought to Hongkong in the afternoon by the Namtau ferry, and her condition was stated yesterday to be satisfactory.

FIRING PRACTICE

Firing practice will be carried out from D'Aguilar between the hours of 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. to-day.



KING ANTHONY OF ENGLAND DIVORCED

Descendant Of Henry VIII

A 40-year-old man who claims to be "King Anthony of England" and a descendant of Henry VIII, was divorced in the Divorce Court, states a "Daily Herald" correspondent.

He was described as Mr. Anthony William Hall, ex-inspector of the Shropshire constabulary.

His wife, Mrs. Ethel Hall, of Oakley-street, Shrewsbury, was granted a decree nisi by Mr. Justice Langton on the ground of "constructive desertion." It was stated that Mr. Hall's conduct made her leave him in 1927 in Canada, where he had established a business after leaving the police.

A cross-petition for divorce by the husband was dismissed, and costs were awarded to Mrs. Hall, who was given custody of their 13-year-old daughter, the only child.

In his summing-up, the judge described Mr. Hall, who conducted his own case, as a "man of most tempestuous, undisciplined and erratic disposition."

"He appears," said the judge, "to be capable of the most generous and excellent impulses but he is completely reckless in his actions."

The judge said that Mr. Hall had made his wife's life in Canada unendurable, and she was perfectly justified in leaving him when she did.

"CABLE £300"

The judge added that in 1927 Mr. Hall wrote his wife's father a letter which contained the statement: "£300 to be cabled within 14 days with the simple alternative that if the money does not arrive I will show up damned quick, heave the door off its hinges if it bars my way, and take my daughter out of your sight for ever."

After the case, Hall, who has published a pamphlet, "By King Anthony, A Manifesto," setting out his claims, said his "royal divorce" would not cause suspension of his active campaign to secure recognition.

"I hold a primitive view of marriage, and I do not believe in divorce," he said.

Dealing with his "claim," he referred me to his "Manifesto," which, he said, had been lodged with the College of Arms.

WIPE OUT DEBTS

It states that he intends to wipe out all government, municipal and overseas debts, remove taxes on beer, whisky, tea, cocoa and entertainments, and abolish local rates.

"Pedestrians and pedal cycles shall have more protection on the King's highway, and the use of pedal cycles by our subjects shall be encouraged," the document concludes.

It is signed "Anthony, King of England, Ireland, Prince of Wales."

"I only need a few more documents to establish my claim," Mr. Hall said. "Already I have addressed 1,700 meetings and I intend to go on until 1940."

Mrs. Hall told me, "I'm glad it is all over and I am now free."

SHOE KING BATA FLIES TO LONDON

Mr. Thomas Bata, Czechoslovakian shoe king, whose Central European factories now lie in Nazi land, arrived by air at Croydon on Mar. 23 with his wife, from Paris.

Mr. Bata said to a "Daily Express" staff reported. "International affairs? What can I say? What do I dare say? My factories? They were working when I saw them last.

"I am going now to see my good people at Tilbury [his English factory]. I do not think I shall be in London for more than a week, but I have not had time to make plans."

***In a fortnight, since just before the Germans entered Prague, Mr. and Mrs. Bata have been to Bucharest, Poland, Paris, Scandinavia and back to Paris.

Halliwell Hobbes, veteran character actor and native of Shakespeare's Stratford-on-Avon, became Debbs, the first butler to enter the lives of the Hardy family. The film is Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer's "The Hardys Ride High," in which the family receives notice of a vast inheritance. Hobbes has appeared in scores of pictures, having made his debut in sound films with Jeanne Eagels in "Jealousy." He first appeared on the stage in Glasgow in 1898.

Dr. Lang Not To Retire This Year

The Archbishop of Canterbury was only joking." He has not made up his mind to retire this year. When the Church Assembly carried a resolution advocating the voluntary retirement of all clergy at the age of seventy-five, Dr. Lang said: "It is a fact of which I shall take notice."

As he will be seventy-five on October 31 next, many people who read the report began to wonder who would be chosen as his successor.

His remark was taken to be a strong hint that he would follow the example of his predecessor, Lord Davidson, who retired in 1928 and was made a temporal peer.

Before that the archbishopric of Canterbury was regarded as a life appointment, like the papacy.

FOREIGN PRESS IN LONDON

The Foreign Press Association luncheon on Mar. 21, at which Sir John Anderson was the chief guest, brought together a large company of journalists, diplomatists, and others.

It was curious to see, at such a moment of crisis, a social gathering of men and women whose countries are now, or may presently be, in conflict. At the head table sat the Ministers of several Near Eastern States, a group of Chinese journalists were in one corner, Japanese in another.

The company of pressmen could perhaps not be duplicated for variety of nationality in any other world capital but Paris. The German representation, once so large, is now small.

The Czech press in London has, of course, disappeared since the association last met. The Austrian press as we knew it is no more.

ONLY CIVIL DEFENCE

Some reference to foreign affairs may have been expected from Sir John Anderson, but he talked only of civil defence. There was applause at one point when Sir John said that, in spite of British attachment to the voluntary principle in public service, there was no sacrifice British people would not make to protect vital interests.

One bit of apparently unconscious humour occurred in the speech. Sir John told the pressmen not to believe that A. R. P. was "in a muddle." To counteract that notion he had prepared a document describing civil defence plans. It was, he said, "especially intended for gentlemen of the press and written in appropriately simple language."

NO "KID GLOVE" MEN IN THE NAVY

A suggestion that men in the Navy were "small, pasty-faced men wearing kid gloves and carrying attache cases," was strongly denied on Mar. 23 by Earl Stanhope, First Lord of the Admiralty.

Lord Stanhope, who was speaking at the Constitutional Club, said that a correspondent had written to him with that suggestion, and he had sent the letter to the Director of Personal Services to ask "Where do you find them?"

"I have not yet received the reply," said Lord Stanhope, "but the men I have seen in the Navy are magnificent fellows—great, deep-chested men full of strength and health and life, and as keen as mustard. We do not take sallow-faced gentlemen with kid gloves and attache cases.

"When I was asked if I was going to make a recruiting speech to the members of the Constitutional Club, I replied, 'They will have to be damned good to get into his Majesty's Navy.'"

"The Kid from Texas" has gone into production at the Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer studios under the direction of S. Sylvan Simon. The cast includes Dennis O'Keefe, Florence Rice, Rita Johnson, Buddy Ebsen, Anthony Allan, Tully Marshall, Jessie Ralph and J.M. Kerrigan.

SOUTHERN PACIFIC SEES 1939 PROFIT

WASHINGTON—The Southern Pacific Company estimated it would have a net income of $6,110,000 in 1939 compared with a net loss of $6,698,500 in 1938.

It made the estimate in an application to the Interstate Commerce Commission for permission to borrow $3,000,000 from the Reconstruction Finance Corporation to meet maturing equipment certificates and interest on funded debt falling due between April 28 and June 30.

It estimated a 10 per cent. increase in freight revenues in 1939 over 1938 and a 5 per cent. increase in passenger revenues, with an increase of 2 per cent. in operating expenses. The estimated increase in gross revenues was placed at approximately $16,000,000.

The company said it had $20,000,000 of bank loans falling due November 1 and that it had been unable to obtain further loans from private sources.

As collateral for the RFC loan, the company offered to pledge securities with an estimated market value of $10,835,698. It now owes the RFC $14,000,000.

BOVRIL, LIMITED.

President at the forty-second annual general meeting of Bovril Ltd., held in London, on February, 22, 1939, the Lord Luke, K. B. E. (Chairman), after dealing with the Company's accounts said he was on the high seas on his way home from America during the crisis last September, and on his arrival home in October he noticed in the papers a photograph of a collection of various packets of food products that had been collected for sale for charity.

They were termed "hoarded goods" and there seemed to be more bottles of Bovril than any other product in the photograph. This was not surprising, but what was very surprising was that it should be considered hoarding for the housekeeper to purchase an extra stock of Bovril, unless she had done so in a hurry at the last minute.

The kind of hoarding which was objectionable was obviously that last-minute rush, when a crisis arrived, to buy up and hoard away a large stock. On the other hand, to buy a reasonable stock of Bovril before a crisis arrived seemed a proper thing, to do. Those who purchased Bovril for a period ahead were actually leaving more chance in a crisis for those who had not got what was available in the shops.

DUKE OF ATHOLL'S REMARKS

The Duke of Atholl (Vice-chairman), said: The world was in a terrible state, morally, financially, and commercially, but the Company's product had won right through at every point during these difficult times because it was a genuine article, it was easy to handle, it kept well, and incidentally, he supposed, it was about the greatest comfort in times of adversity. It was very gratifying to know that their product was well received all over the world.

A £3,000,000-SCHEME

Harbour Changes At Alexandria

CAIRO, Mar. 14 (By Mail)—A scheme has been prepared for improving the harbour at Alexandria at a cost of £3,000,000.

It provides for deepening the channel, which is of insufficient depth to permit of the passage of the largest warships, and is regarded as dangerous for medium-sized warships in bad weather.

Provision is also made for a dry dock for the use of naval ships, and for a petroleum basin for tankers.

Oil tanks at present on the harbourside are, under the scheme, to be removed to the south of the railway. They will be linked up with the quay with a pipeline.

A wall will be built round the tank area as a precaution against the spread of fire.

It is proposed that the cost of the work should be spread over a maximum period of four years.

The improvements are based on a scheme prepared by Sir Cyril Kirkpatrick, in the light of amendments made by the late Sir Geoffrey Corbett.

Sir Cyril Kirkpatrick, a former president of the Institute of Civil Engineers, was commissioned by the Egyptian Government to advise on essential improvements to the harbour. Sir Geoffrey Corbett, who died in November, 1937, was adviser to the Egyptian Ministry of Commerce.

U.K. TRADE RETURNS FOR JANUARY

The Trade Returns for January are certainly a good start for the new year. The Level of imports is below January 1938, nevertheless, exports are slightly higher than in January 1937, and imports slightly lower. Bearing in mind that 1937 was the best trading year since 1929 the fact that 1939 has started better than 1937 is an encouraging feature.

On closer examination it would appear that the main causes of the decline as compared with last year are heavy falls in the imports of iron and steel scrap and of raw cotton. The abnormal imports of iron and steel scrap in January 1938 were due to a large collective purchase from the U.S.A. at a time when there was a great shortage of scrap here. So far as raw cotton is concerned, this industry is undergoing a severe depression for reasons not generally applicable to the rest of industry.

For these reasons therefore the fall in the value of imports, so far as industry as a whole is concerned, is discounted to a material extent. A considerable part of the decline in value of the imports of other raw materials results from a fall in prices rather than a drop in quantity.

On the export side there have been small changes in connection with food, drink and tobacco and raw materials. Manufactures fell by £2,147,000 as compared with January 1938, but showed an increase of £563,000 as compared with January 1937. Nearly two-thirds of the drop was in the single item of iron and steel manufactures, the world demand for which has undergone a heavy recession in the last 18 months.

Astonishing Confession

An astonishing confession was made from the dock in Kuala Lumpur last week by James Henry Nelson, the 26-year-old Eurasian, who appeared before Mr. A. J. Grattan-Bellew, First Magistrate, on five charges of burglary.

Committed to the Assizes by the magistrate, Nelson confessed that he was responsible for all the offences with which he was charged and declared that he had been influenced by reading certain magazines and by seeing the film "The Amazing Dr. Clitterhouse," in which a crime-studying doctor turns criminal. "I also," said Nelson, "wanted to study crime."

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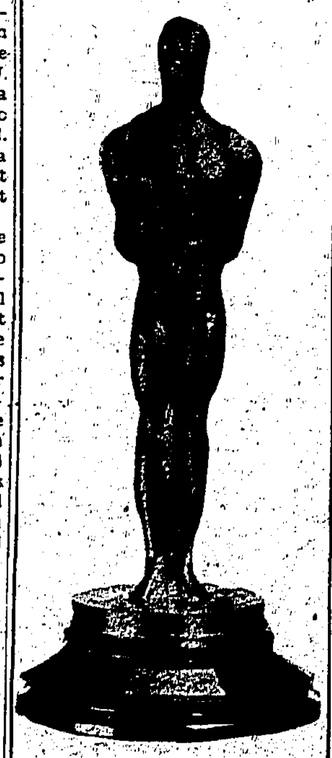

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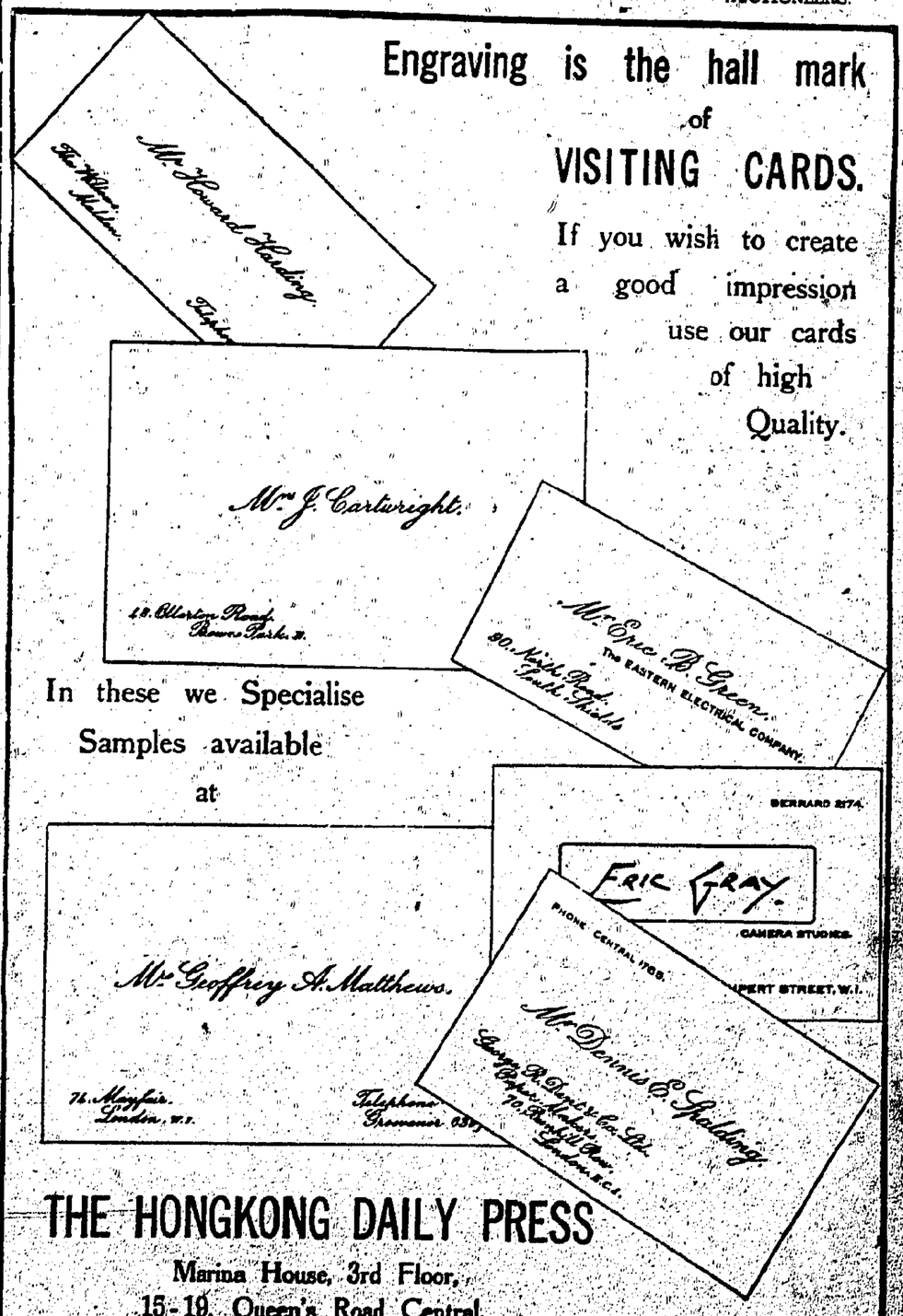

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Finance and Commerce

MONEY AND EXCHANGE

CLOSING QUOTATIONS

APRIL 4, 1939

On London:—
Telegraphic Transfer. 1/2 11/16
Bank Bills, on demand 1/2 11/16
Credits 4 months' sight 1/3
On Shanghai:—
On demand .... 177 nom
On Singapore:—
On demand 52 5/8
On Japan:—
On demand 105
On India:—
Telegraphic Transfer and demand 81 7/8
On New York:—
Bank Bills, on demand 28 5/8
Credits, 60 days' sight 29 1/8
On Batavia:—
On demand 53 11/16
On Paris:—
Bank Bills, on demand 1.80
Credits 4 months' sight 1.32
On Saigon:—
On demand 1.7 3/4
On Manila:—
On demand 57 1/2
On Bangkok:—
On demand 151 1/4
Sterling Notes:—
Bank Buying Rate ... 1/2 7/8
Bar Silver per oz. 19 15/16

Market Report

From Roza Bros.

The price for Ready Silver dropped 1/16 yesterday to 19.15/16 but the Forward rate was unchanged at 19.3/4. Silver advices reported the market as being quietly steady. Speculators sold to a small extent. The market closed with buyers at the fixed rate. Sellers were disinclined to bid. American Silver was quoted at 42 3/4 for Spot.

The London-New York cross-rate was quoted at 468.31. New York-London was quoted at 468.3/8.

Market

Easy during the early part of the morning but later the tone was a shade steadier.

Sterling

Opened with sellers at 1/2.25/32 for near resulting in business at 1/2.13/16 for near delivery. The market then eased off and business was done at 1/2.25/32 for forward and near. The market closed at 1 p.m. with sellers at 1/2.3/4 April-September, buyers at 1/2.13/16 for cash and 1/2.25/32 July-September.

U.S. Dollars

Business was done early in the morning at 28.13/16 for June. Later the market eased off and offers at 28.13/16 were accepted for April delivery. The market closed at 1 p.m. with sellers at 28 13/16 April, 28 3/4 May and 28 11/16 June, buyers at 28 7/8 for cash, 28 13/16 May and 28 3/4 July.

Shanghai Dollars

178 3/4.

Shanghai Market

Sellers of Sterling at 8.1/4 for Spot and U.S. Dollars at 16.3/32 for Spot.

Afternoon Market

Quiet.

Sterling

The market closed with sellers at 1/2 25/32 April and 1/2 3/4 May-August, buyers at 1/2 13/16 for cash-May and 1/2 25/32 June-August.

U.S. Dollars

The market closed with sellers at 28 13/16 April, 28 3/4 May and 28 11/16 June, buyers at 28 7/8 Cash, 28 13/16 May and 28 3/4 for July.

Shanghai Dollars

178 7/8 for Spot.

Shanghai Exchange

Shanghai, April 4 (Reuter).

	Opening
London	0/8
New York	15-5/8
Japan	56-7/8
Paris	5.48
Hongkong	53-3/8

Open Market—Selling Rates

Sterling

	Opening	Closing
Spot	0/8-1/4	0/8-1/4
April	0/8-1/4	0/8-1/4
May	0/8-15/64	0/8-15/64
June	0/8-7/32	0/8-7/32

U.S. Dollars

Spot	$16-3/32	$16-3/32
April	16-1/16	16-1/16
May	16-1/32	16-1/32
June	15-31/32	15-31/32

Market:—Quiet.

Merchant Rates

Sterling, 0/8-7/32.
Dollars, $16.

Silver Duty Rate

The Central Bank of China's rate on London at 10 a.m. to-day was 1/2-1/2d., unchanged from yesterday.

The Equalisation rate was 4½ per cent.

New York Exchange

New York, April 3 (Reuter).
T.T. on London (Opening Rate). 4.68-3/8.

Calcutta Exchange

Calcutta, April 3 (Reuter).
T.T. on Japan, 78-3/8.

India Rupee Paper

Bombay, April 3 (Reuter).
Govt. 3½ per cent. Rupee, 94-07-0.

London Exchange

London, April 4 (BWS).
Closing mean rates were:—
Paris, 176-3/4.
New York, 4.68-5/16.
Montreal, 4.70-1/16.
Brussels, 27.79.
Geneva, 20.85½.
Amsterdam, 8.81½.
Milan, 81.
Berlin, 11.68.
Buenos Aires, 20.28.
Hongkong, 1/2⅞d.
Other rates unchanged.

LONDON GOLD

London, April 3 (Reuter).
Dollar Parity.
Bar Gold, Fine per oz., 148/5.

SILVER MARKET

LONDON SILVER

London, April 3 (Reuter).

Silver—Trading very small. Speculators occasionally sold. Market quietly steady. In the afternoon, the market was quietly steady, with American trade a small buyers at the fixed rate, but sellers were reserved.

Spot, 19-15/16d.
Forward, 19¾d.

NEW YORK SILVER

New York, April 3 (Reuter).
Official Price, 42-3/4.

BOMBAY SILVER

Bombay, April 3 (Reuter).
Market—Quiet but steady.
Offtake 25 bar.

Indian Mint Silver

Ready	52-10	52-09
Apr. 17 Settlement	52-09	52-08
May 13 Settlement	52-07	52-06

Market—Quiet.

CHILEAN WHEAT

As a result of the findings of a commission named by the Chilean Agricultural Export Board to inquire into the cost of wheat production, the board has fixed the price of the 1938-39 crop at 85 paper pesos the metric quintal, placed at railway stations at Santiago, during the first quarter of 1939 and thereafter at 87 pesos.

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

QUOTATION

APRIL 4, 1939

STOCKS	Last Sale Apr. 3
Adams Express	7¾
Alleghany Steel Co.	17⅝
Allied Stores	8
Allis Chalmers	35¼
Amerada Corps.	57
Amer. Can	87
Amer. & Foreign Power	2½
Ameri & Foreign $7 pf.	15¼
American Gas & Elec.	34¼
Amer. Locomotive	18⅜
Amer. Metals Co.	30¾
Amer. Radiator	12½
Amer. Rolling Mill	14⅞
Amer. S'ting and R'ing Co.	38½
Amer. Sugar R'ing	17½
Amer. Tel. & Tel.	155½
Amer. Tobacco "B"	83⅜
Amer. Waterworks	9⅞
Anaconda Copper	25
Atchison, T. & S. Fe.	29¼
Auburn Motors	3
Baltimore & Ohio	5⅜
Barber Asphalt Co	13⅞
Barnsdall Oil	14½
Bendix Aviation	20⅜
Bethlehem Steel	62½
Boeing Airplane Co.	22⅞
Borg-Warner	23⅜
Biggs M'facturing	21⅛
Brooklyn-M'hattan Trans.	9
B'klyn-M'hattan $6 cum pf.	33
Canadian Pacific R'way.	4¼
Case, J.I.	74¼
Celanese	16¼
Chesapeake & Ohio	33¼
Chrysler Corpn.	68¼
Columbia Gas & El.	6⅜
Columbia 6% "A" pf.	84½
Commercial	48
Commonwealth & S. (ord.)	1⅜
C'wealth & S. 6% cum pf.	53½
Consolidated Edison	30¼
Consolidated Oil	8
Continental Can	37⅜
Continental Oil	24
Corn Products	62¾†
Curtiss Wright (C.)	5¼
Curtiss Wright "A"	22¼
Deere & Co.	18½
Distillers Corpn. Seagrams	17¼
Douglas Aircraft	60¼
Du Pont de Nemours	139
Eagle Picher Lead	9
Eaton Mfg Co.	20⅜
Elec. Autolite	29½
Elec. Bond & Share	8⅜
Elec. Bond & Share $5 pf.	56½
Elec. Bond & Share $6 pf.	67⅜
Elec. Power & Light $7 pf.	28½
Flintkote	20⅜
Food Machinery Corp.	23½
Gen. American Trans.	46½
Gen. Electric	35½
Gen. Motors	42⅜
Gen. Railway Signal	16½
Glidden Co.	17¼
Goodrich (B.F.)	17
Goodrich $5 pf.	62½
Goodyear Tire & Co.	26¼
Great Northern Iron Ore	13⅞
Great Northern Rly, pfd.	21½
Great Western Sugar	25⅜
Greyhound Corpn.	17⅞
Hecker Products	10
Homestake Mining	62¼
Industrial Rayon	20¼
International Harvester	53

STOCKS	Last Sale Apr. 3
Int. Nickel	48
Int. Tel. & Tel.	7¾
Johns Manville	73⅞
J. & Laughlin Steel $7 pfd.	41½
Kennecott Copper	32¾
Libbey-Owens-Ford Glass	44
Lockheed Aircraft	25½
Loew's Inc.	40
Martin, Glen L.	33
Monsanto Chemical	92
Montgomery Ward	45⅜
Nat. Dairy Products	14½
Nat. Distillers	25
National Gypsum	12½
National Load	20⅜
Nat. Power & Light	7⅞
National Steel Corp.	64⅞
Nat. Supply Corpn.	8⅞
New York Central	15⅜
Niagara Hudson Power	7
N. American Aviation	15
North American Co.	21¼
Northern Pacific	9⅜
Pacific Gas & Elec.	30⅜
Pacific Lighting	45½
Packard Motors	3⅜
Paramount Pictures	—
Pennsylvania R.R.	19
Phelps-Dodge	33½
Phillips Petroleum	34½
Public Service of N.J.	33½
Pullman Inc.	27
Pure Oil	8½
Radio Corpn. of Am.	6¼
Republic Steel	16⅜
Reynold Tobac. "B"	38
Richfield Oil	7⅜
Safeway Stores	31½
Schenley Distillers	13⅞
Schenley, 5½% pfd.	—
Sears Roebuck	67½
Shell Union Oil	12¼
Socony-Vacuum Oil	11½
Southern Pacific	13⅜
Southern Rly $5 pfd.	—
Sperry	39½
Standard Brands	6¼
Stand Gas & Elec.	2⅞
Standard Oil of California	26½
Standard Oil of N.J.	46½
Stone & Webster	11½
Swift International	27
Technicolor	15½
Texas Corpn.	39½
Texes Gulf Sulphur	28
Trans-America Co.	6⅜
20th Cent. Fox.	20
20th Cent. Fox. $1½ pf.	—
Union Carbide & Carbon	73½
Union Pacific	93½
United Aircraft	35
United Airlines Trans.	10
United Corpn.	2⅞
United Corpn. $3 cum pf.	33
United Gas Corpn.	2¼
United Gas Improvement	11⅞
U.S. Rubber	37⅞
U.S. Rubber $8 pfd.	93
U.S. Steel	51⅞
Vanadium	19⅜
Warner Bros. Pict.	5¼
Westinghouse Elec.	92½
Woodward Iron Cor.	16½
Chase National Bank	29⅞*
National City Bank	22⅞*

*—bid. †—ex. div.

DOW JONES AVERAGE

1939 High	1939 Low	Dow Jones Averages.	Apr. 1.	Apr. 4, 1939 High	Low	Close	Change
151.85	121.94	30 Industrials	132.83	133.57	131.49	132.25	.58 off
34.33	26.33	20 Rails	27.24	28.16	26.81	27.27	.03 up
26.51	21.70	20 Utilities	22.50	23.35	22.43	22.70	.20 up
92.22	89.05	40 Bonds	89.05			89.09	.04 up
49.12	46.59	11 Commodity Index	47.36			47.14	.22 off

Business Done:—1,470,000 shares

HONGKONG SHARE QUOTATIONS

STOCK EXCHANGE — SHAREBROKERS' ASSOCIATION

Buyers	Sellers	Sales	Nominal	TUESDAY 4. APR.	Buyers	Sellers	Sales	Nominal
				Banks				
$1385		...		H.K. Banks	$1380	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	Do. (Col. Reg.)	...	...	...	£85
...	...	...	£84	Do. (Lon. Reg.)	...	...	...	£84
...	...	...	£8¾	Chartered Banks	...		...	£8¾
		...	£27	Mercantile Bks. "A"	...	...	...	£27½
...		...	£13	Mercantile Bks. "C"	...	...	...	£13
...	...	...	$40	Bank of East Asia			...	$40
				N. C. & S. Banks	...	...	...	$1
				Insurances				
$220	...	...		Canton Insurances	...	...	...	$222
$465	...	$460		Union Insurances		...	...	11½
...	...	...	1½	Underwriters	$455	...	...	$480
...	...		$183	H.K. Fires		...		$180
				Shipping				
...	...	...	$68	Douglases	$68½	...	...	...
...	...		$13	Steamboats	$11½	...	...	
...	...	...	$60	Indo-Chinas (Pref.)	...	...		$50
...	...	...	$24	Indo-Chinas (Def.)	...	...		$20
...	...	...	84/4½	Shells	...	...	...	84/4½
...	...	...	$9	Waterboats	...	...		$9
				Docks, Wharves, Godowns, etc.				
$105	$109	...	...	H.K. & K. Wharves	...	...		$108
$4¼	$5	...		Providents (old)	$4¼	...	...	
...	...			Providents (new)	...	...	$16¾	...
$16½		...	...	H.K. & W. Docks		...		
...	...	...		Do. (new)	...	...		
...			$101½	Shanghai Docks S.	...	...	...	$101
...	...	...	$6.70	New Engineerings S.	...	...		6½
				Mining				
...	...	...	17/9	Kailans	...		...	17/9
...	...	...	$8	Raubs	...			$8½
...			$3	Venezuela Gold Flds	...			$3
...	...	...	4 cts	Hong Kong Mines	...			...
				Lands, Hotels and Buildings				
$5¼		$5/55		H.K. Hotels	$5.60	...	$5.60	
$33½	...	...		H.K. Lands S.	$33½	...		$34
...	...		$104	Do. 4% Debentures				
...	...		$8.80	Shanghai Lands S.		...		
...	...	...	$4.41	H.K. Realties	...	...	...	74.0
...	...		$8.55	Humphreys	...		...	$8
...	...	...	$102	Chinese Estates	...			
				Cotton Mills				
...	...	...	$20.20	Ewo (S.)	...	...	...	$19.80
...	...		$105	S'hai Cottons (S.)				$107
...	...	...	$30	Zoong Sings (S.)				$29½
...	...		$40	Wing On Textiles (S.)				$48½
				Public Utilities				
$16¼		71¼		Tramways	$16½	...	$16½/¼	...
	...	...	$8	Peak Trams (old)		...		8
	...	...	$4	Peak Trams (new)	...	...	...	4
...	...	...	$67½	Star Ferries	65½	...	...	...
...	...	...	$24½	Y'mati Ferries (O)	$25	...	...	...
...	...	...	$24	Do. (new)	$24	...	...	...
$8.20			...	China Lights (O)	$8.30	...		...
5.35		...		China Lights (New)	$5.40	...		
...	...	...	...	China Lights Rts.	...	...		...
...	...	...	$57	H.K. Electrics	$56½			
...	...	...	$18½	Macao Electrics				...
...	...	...	$12	Sandakan Lights				
...	...	...	$23	Telephones (old)	...			$22½
...	...	...	$7½	Telephones (new)	$7			
...	...	...	22/0	Tractions				22/-
...	...	...	22/6	Tractions (pref.)				
				Industrials				
...	...	...	$14	Cald., Macg. (Ord.) S.	...			
...	...		$13	Cald., Macg. (Pref.) S.				$1.30
...	...		$1	Canton Ices				$13½
...	...		$13½	Cements	...			$3.60
...	...		$3.60	Ropes		...	...	
				Miscellaneous				
			ex. rts	Dairy Farms	$21½			
$11.60	...	...		Dairy Farm Rts.	$15½	...		
$15½	...	...		Ch. E'tainments	$8.30	...		
$8.40	...	...	$1½	Constructions (old)	$1½			
...	...	...		Constructions (new)				
			$8	Lane Crawfords	...	...		$7½
				Nanyang Tobacco	...	...	...	$4
...	...	...	$1.80	Sinceres	...	...		$1.80
				Watsons			...	$8
$7½	$8.05		66%	Ch. G.5% 1925G $Bds.	...	...	...	66%
...	...	...		H.K. Govt. 4% Loans	...	...	...	$104
4% pm	...	4% pm	...	H.K. Govt. 3½% Loan	...	...	...	$100
½% pm	...	...	$42	H.K. Wing On	...	...		$46
...	...	...		S'hai Wing On	...		...	$5½
...	...	...	$1.30	Vibro Piling				$6½
...	...	...		Marsmans Inv. (Lon.)				
14/6	...	...		Marsmans Inv. (H.K.)				...
...	...	...	5/0	Wm. Powells	70 cts.	...	...	
...	...	...	90 cts.	*Sales to Shanghai				

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE

(REUTER'S SERVICE)

London, April 3.

The following quotations are the middle prices at the close of the market in London. All quotations are subject to confirmation and no responsibility is assumed for errors in transmission.

	£
War Loan, 3½% (Red. after 1952)	95¾
Canton-K'loon Rly. 5% 1898 (Brit. Issue)	19½
Chinese 4½% Gold Loan	70½
Chinese 5% Gold Bonds, 1925-47	66
Chin. 4½% Anglo-French Loan, 1908	60
Chinese 5% Crisp Loan, 1912	37½
Chinese 5% Reorg. Loan, 1913 (Ldn. Is.)	51½
Chinese 5% Ster. Notes, 1925 (Vickers)	16½
Chin. Imperial Rly. 5% Loan	68
Honan Rly. 5%	22
Hukuang Rly. 5%, 1911	23
Hukuang Rly. 5%, 1911 (German Issue)	20½
Lung Tsing & U. Hai Rly. 5%	18
S'hai-N'king Rly. 5%	26
Tientsin-Pukow Rly. 5% (Brit. Stpd.)	17½
Tientsin-Pukow Rly. 5% (German Stpd.)	17½
Tientsin-Pukow Rly. 5% (Brit. Stpd. Supl. Loan)	17½
Tientsin-Pukow Rly. 5% (Ger. Stpd. Supl. Loan)	17½
Jap. 5% Ster. Loan, 1907	38½
Jap. 6% Ster. Loan, 1924	44½
Ger. 7% Intl. Loan, 1924	36½
Chartered Bank	8¾
H.K. & S'hai Bank (Ldn. Reg.)	84
H.K. & S'hai Bank (Col. Reg.)	85
Chinese Eng. & Mining (bearer)	17/9
Chosen Corporation	6
Pekin Syndicate	2*
S'hai Elec. Constr. Co.	25*
S'hai Waterworks "A"	19½*

	£
Union Insurance	30½*
Gula Kalumpong Rubber	18/9
Allied Ironfounders	18/6
Asso. & Elec. Industries	40/6
Austin Motors, ord.	32/6
Cable & Wireless, New Form, ord.	43½
B.-A. Tob. (bearer)	97/6
Cammell Laird. ord.	8/6
Mexican Eagle	7/1½
Courtaulds	25/3
Distillers	91
Dunlop Rubber	26/9
Gen. Electric (England)	77/6
Guinness (A) Son & Co.	100
Hawker Siddeley Airc.	30/4½
Bristol Aeroplane	21/6
Imperial Chemical Ind.	30
Imperial Tobacco	132/6
Marks & Sp'cer "A" ord.	56/10½
Rolls Royce	107/6
Leyland Motors	88/9
Tate & Lyle	60
Turner & Newall	77/6
United Steel	23/10½
Smethwick Drop Forg.	15/9
Armstrong Stevens, ord.	7/6
Pressed Steel, com.	15/10½
Vickers, ord.	22/1½
Woolworths	60/7½
Anglo-Dutch	24/3
Rub. Plant. Invest. Trust	27/6
Burma Corporation	8/3
Commonwealth Mining	1/1½
Marsman Investments	19/4½
Randfontein Estates	35/7½
Western Holdings	9/7½
Sub-Nigel	220
Tanami Gold Mining	3d.
Anglo-Iranian	85
Burmah	81/3
Shell Trans. & Trad. (bearer)	84/4½

*—Nominal.

PAYNE & CO.

COMMODITY BROKERS
STOCK EXCHANGE BUILDING
HONGKONG

COMMODITY MARKET REVIEW

(FROM PAYNE & CO.)

New York, April 3.

SINGAPORE RUBBER

	April 1 buyers	April 1 sellers	April 3 buyers	April 3 sellers	change
SPOT	27-1/8	27-3/8	27-1/2	27-3/4	up 3/8
JULY-SEPT.	27-1/8	27-3/8	27-3/4	28	up 5/8
OCT.-DEC.	27-1/8	27-3/8	27-3/4	28	up 5/8

The market opened 1/4 of a cent higher for all deliveries as compared with Saturday's closing quotations.

Very steady conditions prevailed throughout the day. Consuming interests were fair buyers of "spot" Rubber, whilst traders and speculators were also displaying good buying-activity in futures. It was, however, difficult to arrange business due to the reserved attitude of sellers.

Later in the session prices registered an advance of 3/8 cent for all deliveries on persistent further enquiries.

It would appear that the better sentiment was caused by a more hopeful outlook on the international political situation.

Closing tone was steady.

LONDON RUBBER

	Previous close buyers	Previous close sellers	To-day's close buyers	To-day's close sellers	change
SPOT	7-15/16	8	8-1/16	8-1/8	up 1/8
JULY-SEPT.	8-1/16	8-1/8	8-1/8	8-1/4	up 1/16
OCT.-DEC.	8-1/8	8-3/16	8-3/16	8-5/16	up 1/16
JAN.-MARCH	8-1/8	8-1/4	8-1/4	8-5/16	up 1/8

Market steady, in sympathy with New York advices.

NEW YORK COTTON

The market opened very quiet, with price changes small. The early selling came from foreign sources, induced by lower Liverpool cables. Later, the market rallied in Washington reports regarding the Senate's passage of the Bankhead Bill. There was some late buying by "spot" houses. At the close, the early losses were recovered. The tone was firm and trading was moderately active.

NEW YORK RUBBER

A dull and featureless market on the whole. Early in the session prices improved on higher London advices. Subsequently, however, values receded with securities.

CHICAGO WHEAT

This market was again featureless and rather neglected. Prices declined on the weakness of cables from abroad and favourable weather reports.

	Previous close	To-day's close	Change
Dow Jones Industrial Averages	132.83	132.25	off .58

N. Y. Commodity Market

(By Courtesy of Messrs. Swan, Culbertson & Fritz and S. E. Levy & Company)

	High	Low	Prev. Close	To-day's Close	Change
New York Cotton, July	7.90	7.81	7.84	7.90	.06 up
New York Rubber, May	16.10	15.95	15.91	16.04a	.13 up
New York Hides, June	11.05	10.57	10.85	10.59	.26 off
Chicago Wheat, May	67⅞	66⅞	67⅞	67⅛	⅛ off
Chicago Corn, May	47¼	46⅞	47⅜	47¼	⅛ off
Winnipeg Wheat, May	60	59⅜	60⅞	59⅜	1½ off

NEW YORK COTTON

	Close	Opening	Closing	Change
May	8.06/06	8.04/04	8.12/12	.06 up
July	7.84/84	7.82/82	7.90/90	.06 up
October	7.55/55	7.54/54	7.62/62	.07 up
December	7.50/50	7.50/49	7.57/58	.08 up
January	7.51 N	7.51b/52a	7.58 N	.07 up
March	7.57 N	7.58 B	7.64 N	.07 up
Spot	8.81 N		8.87 N	.06 up

NEW YORK RUBBER

May	15.90/91	16.09/09	16.00b/04a	.13 up
September	15.90/90	16.09/09	15.99/16.00	.10 up
December	15.88b/91a	16.09/10	16.00/00	.09 up
March	15.89 N	—	—	—

To-day's Sales:—710 tons.

CHICAGO WHEAT

May	67⅜/67⅞	67⅛/67	67⅛/67⅜	⅛ off
July	67⅜/67⅞	67/66⅞	67⅛/67⅛	⅛ off
September	68⅜/68⅛	—	68/68	⅛ off

Saturday's Sales:—5,814,000 bushels.

CHICAGO CORN

May	47⅜/47½	47/47½	47/47½	⅛ off
July	49¼/49½	48⅞/48⅜	48½/48⅜	⅛ off
September	50¼/50½	49⅜/49½	49½/49⅜	⅛ off

WINNIPEG WHEAT

May	67⅞/60¼	60/59½	59⅜/59⅞	1½ off
July	61½/61⅜	60⅞/60¼	60⅜/60⅞	1½ off
October	68½/62½		61½/61½	1½ off

NEW YORK HIDES: (New Contracts)

June	10.83/85	11.05/10.98	10.57/59	.26 off
September	11.22/25	11.40/42	10.90/95	.30 off
NY, Silver, Official	unquoted		42-3/4	
NY-London Cross Rate	4.68-1/8		4.68-3/8	

NEW YORK—STRAITS TIN

September	45.80b/46.00a	46.00b/50a	46.15 N	.15 up

BANKS

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION

Authorised Capital $50,000,000
Issued & Fully Paid-Up $20,000,000
Reserve Funds:
Sterling ....£ 6,500,000
H.K. Currency Reserve $10,000,000
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Current Accounts opened in Local Currency and Fixed Deposits received for one year or shorter periods in Local and other Currencies on terms which will be quoted on application.

Also up to date Safe Deposit Boxes in various sizes To Let.

Hong Kong, 13th Mar. 1939.

HONGKONG SAVINGS BANK

The Business of the above Bank is conducted by the HONG KONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION. Rules may be obtained on application.

For the HONG KONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

V. M. Grayburn.
Chief Manager.

Hong Kong, 25th Feb., 1939.

BANK OF EAST ASIA, LIMITED

Authorised Capital $10,000,000.00
Paid-up Capital 5,598,800.00
Reserve and Undivided Profits 2,883,932.01

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Haiphong	Nagasaki		Tientsin
Hankow	New York	Seattle	Vancouver
Honolulu	Paris	Semarang	
Kobe	Peiping	Shanghai	

Every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted. Loans granted on approved securities.

Current Accounts opened in Local Currency and Fixed Deposits received for one year or shorter periods in Local and Foreign Currencies on terms which will be quoted on application.

Safe Deposit Boxes To Let.

KAN TONG PO,
Chief Manager.

BANK OF CHINA

Specially Chartered by
THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT OF CHINA AS AN
INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE BANK

PAID-UP CAPITAL $40,000,000.00
(BRANCHES ALL OVER CHINA)

Owing to our numerous Branches in China and connections in the principal Commercial Centres of the World, we are able to extend to our Clients special facilities for Domestic and Foreign Banking and Exchange.

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SWATOW	TOISHAN
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We also handle the issue of Bonds and other Public Funds of the Chinese Government both at Home and Abroad.

SHOU J. CHEN,
Manager

THE CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA & CHINA

Incorporated by Royal Charter, 1853

Paid-up Capital £3,000,000
Reserve Fund £3,000,000
Reserve Liability of Proprietors..............£3,000,000

HEAD OFFICE: LONDON:
38, Bishopsgate E.C.2.

Sub-Agencies in London:
117/122, Leadenhall Street, E.C.3.

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	KUALA LUMPUR	SOURABAYA
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COLOMBO	MANILA	
DELHI	MEDAN	TSINGTAO
HAIPHONG	NEW YORK	YOKOHAMA
HAMBURG	PEIPING (Peking)	
HANKOW		

FOREIGN EXCHANGE and General Banking Business transacted.

CURRENT ACCOUNTS opened and FIXED DEPOSITS received for One Year or shorter periods in Local or Other Currencies at rates which will be quoted on application.

SAVINGS ACCOUNTS also opened in Local Currency and Sterling with interest allowed at rates obtainable on application.

The Bank's Head Office in London undertakes Executor and Trustee business, and claims recovery of British Income Tax overpaid, on terms which may be ascertained at any of the Agencies and Branches.

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Head Office:—15, Gracechurch Street, London, E.C.3

Authorised Capital	£3,000,000
Subscribed Capital	£1,800,000
Paid-up Capital	£1,050,000
Reserve Fund and Rest	£1,247,850

BANKERS:

The Bank of England and Midland Bank, Ltd.

BRANCHES:

Bangkok	Ipoh	Madras
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Galle	Kuala Lipis	Simla
Hongkong	Kuala Lumpur	Singapore
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HONGKONG BRANCH.

Every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.
Travellers Cheques issued.

TRUSTEE AND EXECUTORSHIP UNDERTAKEN.

CURRENT ACCOUNTS opened in Local Currency and FIXED DEPOSITS received in Local Currency, STERLING & U.S. DOLLARS on terms that may be ascertained on application.

D. BENSON,
Manager

CHINA'S INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT

Co-operative Movement Spreading

CHUNGKING, April 4 (Central)—The Chinese Industrial Co-operatives Movement is spreading with satisfactory results. So far, it is revealed, 258 industrial units have been set up in the interior providing work for thousands of men and women from the war-affected areas.

Recently, the Szechwan-Sikong Headquarters was formed with headquarters in Chungking and ten sub-stations in the field. Mr. Hu Shih-chi, of Nanking University, is chief co-operator, and Mr. Nieh Kuang-yu is chief engineer. Thirty-four co-operatives have already been organised in this area. Another headquarters was recently established at Kunming. A new and important branch headquarters has been opened at Yenan, Shensi, with Mr. Tsao Chu-ju, head of the Border District Bank, as chief.

RICH DEPOSITS

There are rich deposits of oil, coal, salt and soda in north Shensi. The Yenan Headquarters has planned to develop these products, in addition to wool-weaving, cotton, paper-making, leather tanning, vegetable oil, medical supplies and transportation co-operatives, within the next two months. The plan entails a total cost of $90,000. The establishment of a $10,000 machine shop for repairs has also been planned.

A supplementary plan for the industrial co-operative development of north Shensi calls for the erection of a $100,000 caustic soda plant, the investment of $50,000 in the salt industry, $100,000 in oil, $50,000 each in coal, lime and iron, $55,000 in the erection of a small electric power plant, $20,000 in a sulphuric acid plant, $20,000 in the erection of laboratories, $20,000 in food canning, $20,000 in a stock farm, and $10,000 in a match factory, making a total of $500,000.

H. K. STOCK EXCHANGE

Buyers were more in evidence and in several instances advanced their prices but not sufficiently to attract many sellers with the result that business was still on a restricted scale. The market closed with a firmer tone.

BUYERS

Hongkong Bank, $1385.
Canton Ins., $220.
Union Ins., $465.
H.K. Wharves, $106.
H.K. Docks, $16½.
Providents, $4½.
H.K. Hotels, $5.55.
H.K. Lands, $33½.
China Lights (O), $8½.
China Lights (N), $5.35.
Dairy Farms (Ex. Rts.), $21.60.
Dairy Farms (Rights), $15½.
Watsons, $7½.
Entertainments, $6.40.
Govt. 4% Loan 4% Prem.
Govt. 3½% Loan 1/8% Prem.

SELLERS

H.K. Wharves, $109.
Providents, $5.
H.K. Hotels, $5.70.
H.K. Trams, $16½.
Electrics, $57.
Watsons, $8.05.

SALES

Hongkong Bank, $1395.
Union Ins., $460/467½.
H.K. Lands, $34.
H.K. Trams, $16.35.
China Lights (O), $8.30.
Watsons, $7½.
Govt. 4% Loan 4% Prem.

PHILIPPINE MINING QUOTATIONS

Antamoks, Ps. 38.
Atoks, Ps. 34.
Benguet Consol., Ps. 12.00.
Coco Groves, Ps. .38.
Demonstrations, Ps. .14½.
I.X.L., Ps. .57.
Itogons, Ps. .27.
North Camarines, Ps. .57.
San Mauricio, Ps. 1.90.
Suyoc Consol., Ps. .17½.
United Paracales, Ps. .66.

HONGKONG SHAREBROKERS' ASSOCIATION

Volume of Business Transacted on Tuesday, April 4.

Electrics	35	$56.75
Electrics	66	56.50
Trams	100	16.45
Hotels	500	5.70
China Lights (O)	100	8.40
China Lights (O)	100	8.30
China Lights (N)	100	5.40
Providents	500	4.90
Dairy Farm Rts.	66 4/6	15.75
H.K. Govt. 4% Loan	$10,000	4% ps.
United Paracale	5000	Ps. .66

PEAK OIL OUTPUT IN CANADA SHOWS GROWING MARKET

OTTAWA—Increasing availability of domestic crude oil for refining purposes in Canada is seen in a recent Government report showing that oil fields in the Dominion yielded a record output in 1938 of more than two-and-one-half times that of the previous year.

The report, published by the Department of Mines and Resources, records a total of 6,870,000 barrels in 1938, valued at $11,514,000, as compared with the 1937 figures of 2,943,750 barrels valued at $4,339,353.

Although the report does not publish consumption figures for refining companies in 1938, the trend towards greater use of Canadian products is indicated in 1937 statistics which show that although the use of imported oil increased 14.5 per cent. the quantity of domestic crude oil used was more than double the figure for 1936.

TURNER VALLEY

Practically the whole of the 1938 record production came from the Turner Valley oil fields in Alberta, the report states. In the first nine months of 1938 Turner Valley's output was 53,174,575 barrels, compared with 1,749,000 barrels in the corresponding period of 1937. Of the 60 crude oil wells in operation in Turner Valley in November, 1938, 38 of these had been brought into production during the year.

Markets for Turner Valley oil are principally the three Prairie Provinces, the output going to them on the proration basis, and allowable production being governed by the demand. At the height of the harvesting season, the report says, production was stepped up to nearly 29,000 barrels a day whereas in other parts of the season the demand is only for about 11,500 barrels

WEEKLY PRIVATE REPORT

REYNOLDS AND GIBSON

RUBBER

London.—Our market preserved a fairly steady tone until the influence of European politics began to take effect. This was particularly pronounced in Eastern markets where low overnight bids from dealers here and New York were accepted and produced hedge sales in London and stoploss orders were caught on the decline. Actually, the amount of speculative liquidation was relatively small and the market appeared ready to rebound with any improved quotations from the East.

Shipments from Malaya for the first half of this month was cabled on Saturday at 21,000 tons, with an estimate for the whole of the month of 38,000 tons, while exports from Ceylon to the middle of March are returned at 1,978 tons against 2,388 tons for the corresponding period last month.

U.K. Board of Trade figures for the first two months of this year are as follows:—

	1939 tons	1938 tons	1937 tons
Imports, Jan.-Feb.	15,346	36,823	9,902
Exports, Jan.-Feb.	9,569	4,989	10,399
Stocks, 28th Feb.	75,096	71,333	83,586

American Questionnaire figures for February are given below with those of January for comparison:

	Feb. tons	Jan. tons
Consumption	42,365	46,234
Arrivals	36,490	39,082
Reclaimed		
Consumption	12,625	13,000
Stock	231,475	237,826
Afloat	55,814	48,210

The events of the last few days have shown that there is an underlying strength in the position, and if the political atmosphere clears a little, purchases made around present levels should be justified during the course of the next few months.

Movements of Rubber in London and Liverpool for week ending March 18, 1939:—

London-Landed 1,021 tons; Delivered 1,144 tons; Stock 47,319 tons; same time last year 48,816 tons.

Liverpool-Landed 371 tons; Delivered 640 tons; Stock 25,799 tons; same time last year 25,067 tons.

New York.—This market has shown signs of an easier tone irrespective of European developments. The excess shipments for the first two months of this year have been read bearishly, and served as useful ammunition for inducing short selling, which in turn has called a halt to factory enquiry. Nevertheless, prospective absorption is looked upon very favourably, and provided world conditions become more settled, we believe that higher prices are indicated during the next few months. Transactions 10,740 tons.

New B.A.T. Factory For Siam

The foundation stone of the new British-American Tobacco Company factory in Bangkok was laid by Sir Josiah Crosby, the British Minister, on Mar. 20.

In welcoming the Minister, the manager of the company, Mr. F. A. P. Skivington, said:

"The cigarette business, is considered one of the barometers of trade and the increase, or decrease, both in value and volume, affects, in time, every other commodity. It is interesting to observe that during the last two years the volume of the cigarette business has increased rather strongly in Siam and we all hope that this increase will continue for the future prosperity of the country."

The new factory building will be a three-storied reinforced concrete structure, approximately 95 metres long by 19 metres in depth, and will have a total height of 23 metres.

It will be capable of producing approximately fifty per cent. more cigarettes than the present building.

The building has been designed on the most modern lines, and particular attention has been given to the comfort of the employees.

CONTRACTS SIGNED FOR NIAGARA BRIDGE

Niagara Falls, Ontario—Contracts were signed by the Niagara Bridge Commission with Sprague and Henwood, North Bay contractors, who will begin immediately to bore for the foundation and abutments for a new bridge over the Niagara River, replacing the honeymoon bridge carried away by last spring's ice jam

The Commission has deposited with the Dominion Department of Public Works and with the Provincial Registry Office at Welland a description of the site and plans for the bridge.

NO SETTLEMENT

It was announced after the meeting, at which contracts were signed, presided over by Hon. T. B. McQuesten, Commission Chairman, that no settlement had been reached with the International Railway Company, owners of the old bridge. The company has sought to replace the Honeymoon Bridge, while Ontario and New York State authorities have insisted on a publicly owned bridge.

The Provincial Government's bill for leave to construct was brought up by the Dominion Senate last spring.

The contractors' diamond drilling machinery has been lowered into the river gorge by giant cranes.

REDUCED DIVIDEND OF IMP. CHEMICAL

The fall in the price of Imperial Chemical Ordinary shares, which until the close of the "House" had not been out of line with the reaction in most industrial equities on Mar. 22, was sharply accelerated in the "Street" upon notification of the preliminary figures and dividend for the past year.

The market was not unprepared for a small reduction in dividend, and the ½ per cent. "cut" is the smallest practicable reduction. But the £450,000 drop in net profits was rather more than had been expected in some directions, and the shares were finally quoted 1s. 9d. lower against the overnight figure at 28s. 6d.

CONSIDERABLE FALL

For a stable type of share such as Imperial Chemical shares have now become that is a considerable fall. Actually the net profit is still up on 1935 and only slightly down upon 1936. The directors unfortunately have broken with previous practice in one important respect.

Only the net figure of profits is made available at this stage, and the drop in the net figure may or may not be a true measure of the change in gross income. A year ago the provision for obsolescence and depreciation was increased by 50 per cent. It is quite conceivable, in view of current international uncertainties, that a further increase in this item has been made before striking the net income this year. In any case, the charge for income-tax and N.D.C. will have been greater.

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COAL SHORTAGE IN JAPAN

TOKYO, (Reuter By Mail)—The total amount of coal required by Japan's growing industries this year is estimated at 60,000,000 tons, a 7,000,000-ton increase over the previous year.

Despite the strenuous efforts being made by the Japan Coalmine Owners' Association to increase coal outputs, the smooth execution of the projected coal production increase programme has been hindered by the difficulties of getting necessary materials for the execution of the programme following the enforcement of the Commodity Supply Control Act. The Association has asked the Government to take urgent steps to improve the supply of such materials.

The remarkable increase in the demand for coal in Japan is due to the fact that the Government plans for the expansion of manufactures is making good progress despite the difficult wartime situation.

WORLD GOLD OUTPUT

NEW YORK—Gold production of Russia, in December amounted to 2,779,000 fine ounces, against 2,824,000 in November, according to the American Bureau of Metal Statistics. For all of last year, production, excluding Russia, was 31,837,000 ounces, as compared with 28,888,000 ounces in 1937.

Gold production in the United States, including the Philippine Islands, in December was 452,000 ounces, against 524,000 in November. For 1938, output amounted to 5,008,000 ounces, against 4,753,000 in 1937.

U.S. PLANT IN CHILE

The Chilean branch of an American company manufacturing phonograph and radio products, long established at Santiago, is building a branch factory to be completed early in 1939 at an estimated cost of about $150,000. About 400 persons will be employed in the new factory which is under the supervision of an American engineer.

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No Fire insurance will be effected by us in any case whatever.

R. OHL,
Agent.

Hong Kong, 19th March, 1939. [262

COTTON PROBLEM IN U.S.

WASHINGTON, April 4 (Reuter)—The Senate to-day passed the modified Smith Bill which is now called the Bankhead Cotton Bill.

The Senate also adopted an amendment to the Bill raising the price paid by farmers for possession of long cotton from three cents to five cents.

The Bill also provided for reduction of loan stocks by 3,000,000 bales.

Although trading was dull in the Argentine wool market in the first six months of 1938, the last half of the year was characterized by improving trading conditions. Total exports of all classes of wool in 1938 amounted to 151,877 metric tons as compared with 116,101 tons in 1937. The United Kingdom was the principal destination, Germany second.

CHINA NAVIGATION

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Swatow, Foochow, Tsingtau, W.H.W., Chefoo & Tientsin	"HUNAN"	... On	5th Apr., 11 a.m.
Amoy & Shanghai	"TSINAN"	... On	5th Apr., 5 p.m.
Swatow Saigon & Bangkok	"KWEIYANG"	... On	6th Apr., Noon
Swatow & Shanghai	"KIANGSU"	... On	7th Apr., 2 p.m.
Kwangchowwan (Fort Bayard) Pakhoi & Haiphong	"KAYING"	... On	8th Apr., 4 p.m.
Swatow, Foochow, Tsingtau, W.H.W., Chefoo & Tientsin	"HUPEH"	... On	9th Apr., Noon
Swatow & Shanghai	"KWANGTUNG"	... On	10th Apr., 2 p.m.
Kwangchowwan (Fort Bayard) & Haiphong	"JEAN DUPUIS"	.. On	11th Apr., 4 p.m.
Swatow, Chu Kochow, (for passenger only), Foochow Tsingtau, W.H.W., Chefoo & Tientsin	"HOIHOW"	... On	12th Apr., Noon
Amoy & Shanghai	"TAIYUAN"	... On	13th Apr., 5 p.m.
Ningpo & Wenchow	"YINGCHOW"	... On	14th Apr., 4 p.m.
Kwangchowwan, (Fort Bayard) Pakhoi & Haiphong	"SOOCHOW"	... On	15th Apr., 4 p.m.
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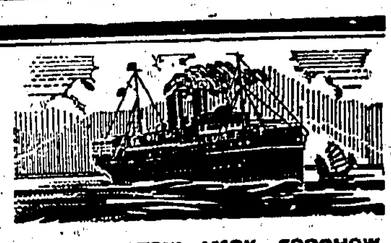

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Atlama Maru, N. Y. K., April 15.
Canton, C. A. N., April 7.
C/Biancamano, L. Triestino, April 23.
Changte, B. & S., April 11.
City of Dalhart, Thoresen's, April 14
Dahpu, Jardine's, April 13.
Diomed, B. & S., April 17.
Elbe, Melchers, May 5.
Emp. of Canada, C. P. S., April 8.
Emp. of Japan, C. P. S., May 5.
Emp. of Russia C. P. S., April 20.
Fatsang, Jardine's, April 15.
Felix Roussel, Messageries, April 26.
Franken, Melchers, April 12.
Friderun, Melchers, April 27.
Glenapp, Jardine's, April 12.
Glenbeg, Jardine's, April 10.
Gneisenau, Melchers, April 19.
Hosang, Jardine's, April 9.
Husimi Maru, N. Y. K. April 7.
Ivaran, Jebsen's, April 22.
Jean Laborde, Messageries, April 13.
Kina, E. A. Co., April 5.
Kulmerland, Jebsen's, April 10.
Kutsang, Jardine's, April 17/18.
Laos, Messageries, April 11.
Lippe, Melchers, May 5.
London Maru, N. Y. K., April 5.
Marburg, Melchers, April 9.
Menestheus, B. & S., April 12.
Nagara Maru, N. Y. K., April 7.
Neptuna, Gibb's, April 15.
Oldenburg, Jebsen's, April 16.
Pres. Adams, A. P. Lines April 13.
Pres. Taft, A. P. Lines, April 13.
Raknyo Maru, N. Y. K., April 14.
Ramses, Jebsen's, April 25.
Regensburg, Melchers, April 12.
Santhia, B. I. (Apcar), April 11.
Shantung Gilman's, April 28.
Shirala, B. I. (Apcar), April 5.
Tai Ping Yang, Dodwell's, April 17.
Taisang, Jardine's, April 9.
Taisounhong, Jardine's, April 18.
Taksang, Jardine's, April 8.
Tamara, Gilman's, April 15.
Teiresias, B. & S., April 9.
Tegelberg, J. C. J. Line, April 18.
Titania, Thoresen's, April 6.
Tingsang, Jardine's, April 10.
Wingsang, Jardine's, April 16.

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NORTHWARD

FROM HONGKONG TO COAST PORTS AND JAPAN

Amoy
Tsinan, B. & S., April 5
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Hai Hing Thoresen's, April 15.

Chefoo
Hunan, B. & S., April 5.
Wosang, Jardine's, April 5.
Yatshing, Jardine's, April 7.
Hupeh, B. & S., April 9.
Hoihow, B. & S., April 12.
Taisang, Jardine's, April 12.
Tingsang, Jardine's, April 14.

Chuanchow
Taiyuan, B. & S. April 11.

Dairen
Ixion, B. & S., April 8.
Kulmerland, Jebsen's, April 11.
Lippe, Melchers, May 5.

Foochow
Hunan, B. & S., April 5.
Hupeh, B. & S., April 9
Hoihow, B. & S., April 12.

JAPAN
Kina, E. A. Co., April 5.
Titania, Thoresen's, April 6.
Ixion, B. & S., April 8.
Nellore, E. & A., April 9.
Pres. Coolidge, A. P. Lines, April 10.
Arabia, Lloyd Triestino, April 10.
Kulmerland, Jebsen's, April 11.
Franken, Melchers, April 12.
Regensburg, Melchers, April 12.
Santhia, B. I. (Apcar), April 13.
Carthage, P. & O., April 13.
Jean Laborde, Messageries, April 13.
Emp. of Canada, C. P. S., April 14.
Tamara, Gilman's, April 15.
Gneisenau, Melchers, April 19.
Pres. Taft, A. P. Lines, April 21.
Felix Roussel, Messageries, April 26.
Talma, B. I. (Apcar), April 27.
Anna Maersk, Jebsen's April 27.
Emp. of Russia, C. P. S., April 28.
Elbe, Melchers, May 5.
Emp. of Japan, C. P. S., May 12.

Shanghai
Wosang, Jardine's, April 5.
Tsinan, B. & S., April 5.
Kina, E. A. Co., April 5.
Titania, Thoresen's, April 6.
Kwangtung, B. & S., April 7.
Yatshing, Jardine's, April 7.
Kiangsu, B. & S., April 9.
Nellore, E. & A., April 9.
Pres. Coolidge, A. P. Lines, April 10.
Arabia, Lloyd Triestino, April 10.
Kulmerland, Jebsen's, April 11.
Taiyuan, B. & S. April 11.
Franken, Melchers, April 12.
Taisang, Jardine's, April 12.
Glenapp, Jardine's, April 12.
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Emp. of Canada, C. P. S., April 14.
Tegelberg, J. C. J. Line, April 18.
Tjinegara, J. C. J. Lines, April 18/19.
Gneisenau, Melchers, April 19.
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Wosang, Jardine's, April 5.
Kweiyang, B. & S., April 5.
Hellas, Thoresen's, April 6.
Kweiyang B. & S., April 6
Yatshing, Jardine's, April 7.
Kiangsu, B. & S., April 9.
Hupeh, B. & S., April 9
Hoihow, B. & S., April 12.
Taisang, Jardine's, April 12.
Helios, Thoresen's, April 12.
Tingsang, Jardine's, April 14.
Hai Hing Thoresen's, April 18.

Taku
Kulmerland, Jebsen's, April 11.
Franken, Melchers, April 12.
Regensburg, Melchers, April 12.
Elbe, Melchers, May 5.
Lippe, Melchers, May 5.

Tientsin
Hunan, B. & S., April 5.
Wosang, Jardine's, April 5.
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Hupeh, B. & S., April 9.
Hoihow, B. & S., April 12.
Taisang, Jardine's, April 12.
Tingsang, Jardine's, April 14.

Tsingtau
Hunan, B. & S., April 5.
Hupeh, B. & S., April 9.
Kulmerland, Jebsen's, April 11.
Franken, Melchers, April 12.
Hoihow, B. & S., April 12.
Regensburg, Melchers, April 12.
Elbe, Melchers, May 5.

Wei-Hai-Wei
Hunan, B. & S., April 5.
Hupeh, B. & S., April 9.
Hoihow, B. & S., April 12.

EASTWARD

FROM HONGKONG TO NORTH AND SOUTH AMERICA

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City of Dalhart, Thoresen's, April 14.
Tai Ping Yang, Dodwell's, April 18.
Anna Maersk, Jebsen's April 27.

Baltimore
Nagara Maru, N. Y. K., April 7.
City of Dalhart, Thoresen's, April 14.
Tai Ping Yang, Dodwell's, April 18.
Anna Maersk, Jebsen's April 27.

Boston and New York
Nagara Maru, N. Y. K., April 7.
City of Dalhart, Thoresen's, April 14.
Pres. Adams, A. P. Lines, April 14.
Tai Ping Yang, Dodwell's, April 18.
Anna Maersk, Jebsen's April 27.

Cristobal
Nagara Maru, N. Y. K., April 7.
City of Dalhart, Thoresen's, April 14.
Tai Ping Yang, Dodwell's, April 18.
Anna Maersk, Jebsen's April 27.

Honolulu
Pres. Coolidge, A. P. Lines, April 10.
Emp. of Canada, C. P. S., April 14.
Emp. of Russia, C. P. S., April 28.
Emp. of Japan, C. P. S., May 12.

Los Angeles
Pres. Coolidge, A. P. Lines, April 10.
Tai Ping Yang, Dodwell's, April 18.
Anna Maersk, Jebsen's April 27.

Panama
City of Dalhart, Thoresen's, April 14.
Tai Ping Yang, Dodwell's, April 18.
Anna Maersk, Jebsen's April 27.

Philadelphia
Nagara Maru, N. Y. K., April 7.
City of Dalhart, Thoresen's, April 14.
Tai Ping Yang, Dodwell's, April 18.
Anna Maersk, Jebsen's April 27.

San Francisco
Pres. Coolidge, A. P. Lines, April 10.

Seattle
Ixion, B. & S., April 8.

Vancouver, B.C.
Ixion, B. & S., April 8.
Emp. of Canada, C. P. S., April 14.
Emp. of Russia, C. P. S., April 28.
Emp. of Japan, C. P. S., May 12.

Victoria, B.C.
Ixion, B. & S., April 8.
Emp. of Canada, C. P. S., April 14.
Emp. of Russia, C. P. S., April 28.
Emp. of Japan, C. P. S., May 12.

SOUTHWARD

FROM HONGKONG TO COAST PORTS, MANILA, AUSTRALIA

Australian Ports, East and West
Changte, B. & S., April 17.
Neptuna, Gibb's, April 18.

Bali
Tjisadane, J. C. J. Line, April 11.

Bangkok
Hellas, Thoresen's, April 6.
Kweiyang B. & S., April 6.
Boissevain, J. C. J. Line, April 6.
Helios, Thoresen's, April 12.

Belawan-Deli
Boissevain, J. C. J. Line, April 6.
Marburg, Melchers, April 8.

Borneo Ports
Woolgar, Jardine's, April 7.

Brisbane
Changte, B. & S., April 17.

Cairns
Changte, B. & S., April 17.

Cebu
Anna Maersk, Jebsen's, April 8.
Tjisadane, J. C. J. Line, April 11.
Silverteak, Furness, April 27.

Cochin
Corfu, P. & O., April 15.

Davao
Silverteak, Furness, April 27.

Haiphong
Kaying, B. & S., April 8.
Proteus, Jebsen's, April 10.
Jean Dupuis, B. & S., April 11.
Takasang, Jardine's, April 12.
Laos, Messageries, April 14.
Soochow, B. & S., April 15.
Wingsang, Jardine's, April 19.

Kwangchowwan
Kaying, B. & S., April 8.
Jean Dupuis, B. & S., April 11.
Soochow, B. & S., April 15.

Madang.
Neptuna, Gibb's, April 18.
Friderun, Melchers, May 4.

Makassar
Tjisadane, J. C. J. Line, April 11.

Manila
Boissevain, J. C. J. Line, April 6.
Conte Verde, L. Triestino, April 7.
Cingalese Prince, Furness, April 7.
Anna Maersk, Jebsen's, April 8.
Emp. of Canada, C. P. S., April 8.
Benmohr, Loxley's, April 9.
Tjisadane, J. C. J. Line, April 11.
Pres. Taft, A. P. Lines, April 14.
Pres. Adams, A. P. Lines, April 14.
Oldenburg, Jebsen's, April 16.
Changte, B. & S., April 17.
Emp. of Russia C. P. S., April 20.
Ivaran, Jebsen's, April 23.
Ramses, Jebsen's, April 25.
Silverteak, Furness, April 27.
Pres. Van Buren, A. P. Lines, April 28.
Pres. Cleveland, A. P. Lines, April 28.
Gneisenau, Melchers, May 4.
Emp. of Japan, C. P. S., May 5.

Melbourne
Changte, B. & S., April 17.
Neptuna, Gibb's, April 18.

Pakhoi
Kaying, B. & S., April 8.
Soochow, B. & S., April 15.

Rabaul
Neptuna, Gibb's, April 18
Friderun, Melchers, May 4

Saigon
Kweiyang B. & S., April 6.
Boissevain, J. C. J. Line, April 6.
Cingalese Prince, Furness, April 7.
Marburg, Melchers, April 8.
Glenbeg, Jardine's, April 10.
Mar. Joffre, Messageries, April 13.
Laos, Messageries, April 14.
Neptuna, Gibb's, April 18.
Jean Laborde, Messageries, April 27.

Salamaua
Neptuna, Gibb's, April 18
Friderun, Melchers, May 4.

Sandakan
Woolgar, Jardine's, April 7.

Soerabaia
Tjisadane, J. C. J. Line, April 11.

Sydney
Changte, B. & S., April 17.
Neptuna, Gibb's, April 18.

Thursday Island
Changte, B. & S., April 17.

Townsville
Changte, B. & S., April 17.

Tulagi
Friderun, Melchers, May 4.

WESTWARD

FROM HONGKONG TO EUROPE AFRICA, ETC.

Aden
Antenor, B. & S., April 5.
Arendskerk, J. C. J. Line, April 10.
Corfu, P. & O., April 15.
Ajax, B. & S., April 19.
Somali, P. & O., April 21.

Alexandria
Pres. Adams, A. P. Lines, April 14.
Pres. Van Buren, A. P. Lines, April 28.

Algiers
Shantung Gilman's, April 28.

Amsterdam
Arendskerk, J. C. J. Line, April 10.
Shantung Gilman's, April 28.

Antwerp
Benmohr, Loxley's, April 9.
Glenbeg, Jardine's, April 10.
Arendskerk, J. C. J. Line, April 10.
Oldenburg, Jebsen's, April 13.
Ramses, Jebsen's, April 25.
Shantung Gilman's, April 28.

Boston and New York
Cingalese Prince, Furness, April 7.
Pres. Adams, A. P. Lines, April 14.
Silverteak, Furness, April 27.
Pres. Van Buren, A. P. Lines, April 28.

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"Mingsang" 18th Apr. Noon
"Esang" 19th Apr., Noon
"Fausang" 21st Apr. 10 a.m.

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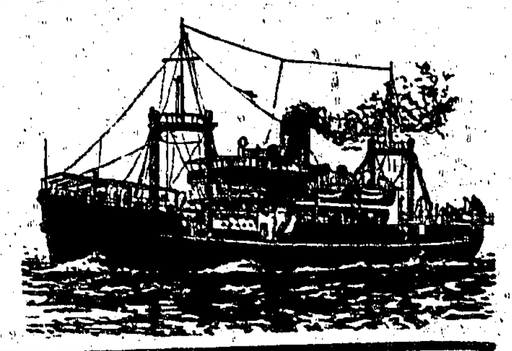

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Conte Verde, L. Triestino, April 7.
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Pres. Adams, A. P. Lines, April 14.
Argun Maru, O. S. K., April 18.
Somali, P. & O., April 21.
Pres. Van Buren, A. P. Lines, April 28.
C/Biancamano, L. Triestino, April 29.

Bremen
Marburg, Melchers, April 9.
Gneisenau, Melchers, May 4.

Bromborough
Tantalus, B. & S., April 22.

Calcutta
Shirala, B. I. (Apcar), April 8.
Hosang, Jardine's, April 10.
Tilawa, B. I. (Apcar), April 22.

Casablanca
Marburg, Melchers, April 9.
Arendskerk, J. C. J. Line, April 10.
Glenbeg, Jardine's, April 10.
Ajax, B. & S., April 19.
Somali, P. & O., April 21.
Shantung Gilman's, April 28.

Colombo
London Maru, O. S. K., April 5.
Conte Verde, L. Triestino, April 7.
Husimi Maru, N. Y. K., April 8.
Marburg, Melchers, April 9.
Alipore, P. & O., April 9.
Glenbeg, Jardine's, April 10.
Arendskerk, J. C. J. Line, April 10.
Mar. Joffre, Messageries, April 13.
Pres. Adams, A. P. Lines, April 14.
Corfu, P. & O., April 15.
Oldenburg, Jebsen's, April 16.
Argun Maru, O. S. K., April 18.
Somali, P. & O., April 21.
Ramses, Jebsen's, April 25.
Jean Laborde, Messageries, April 27.
C/Biancamano, L. Triestino, April 29.
Gneisenau, Melchers, May 4.

Copenhagen
Shantung Gilman's, April 28.

Genoa
Conte Verde, L. Triestino, April 7.
Arendskerk, J. C. J. Line, April 10.
Oldenburg, Jebsen's, April 13.
Pres. Adams, A. P. Lines, April 14.
Ramses, Jebsen's, April 25.
Pres. Van Buren, A. P. Lines, April 28.
Gneisenau, Melchers, May 4.

Gibraltar
Husimi Maru, N. Y. K., April 8.
Corfu, P. & O., April 15.

Glasgow
Antenor, B. & S., April 5.
City of Lincoln, Bank Line, April 12.
Ajax, B. & S., April 19.

Gothenburg
Shantung Gilman's, April 28.

Halifax
Cingalese Prince, Furness April 7.
Silverteak, Furness, April 27.

Hamburg
Antenor, B. & S., April 5.
Marburg, Melchers, April 9.
Benmohr, Loxley's, April 9.
Glenbeg, Jardine's, April 10.
Arendskerk, J. C. J. Line, April 10.
City of Lincoln, Bank Line, April 12.
Oldenburg, Jebsen's, April 16.
Ajax, B. & S., April 19.
Ramses, Jebsen's, April 25.
Shantung Gilman's, April 28.
Gneisenau, Melchers, May 4.

Havre
City of Lincoln, Bank Line, April 12.
Tantalus, B. & S., April 22.

Karachi
Alipore, P. & O., April 9.

Leith
Benmohr, Loxley's, April 9.

Liverpool
Tantalus, B. & S., April 22.

London
Antenor, B. & S., April 5.
Husimi Maru, N. Y. K., April 8.
Benmohr, Loxley's, April 9.
Glenbeg, Jardine's, April 10.
City of Lincoln, Bank Line, April 12.
Corfu, P. & O., April 15.
Ajax, B. & S., April 19.
Somali, P. & O., April 21.

Malta
Marburg, Melchers, April 8.
Corfu, P. & O., April 15.

Marseilles
Antenor, B. & S., April 5.
Husimi Maru, N. Y. K., April 8.
Mar. Joffre, Messageries, April 13.
Pres. Adams, A. P. Lines, April 14.
Corfu, P. & O., April 15.
Ajax, B. & S., April 19.
Somali, P. & O., April 21.
Jean Laborde, Messageries, April 27.
Pres. Van Buren, A. P. Lines, April 28.

Naples
Conte Verde, L. Triestino, April 7.
Husimi Maru, N. Y. K., April 8.
Pres. Adams, A. P. Lines, April 14.
Pres. Van Buren, A. P. Lines, April 28.

Oran
Shantung Gilman's, April 28.

Oslo
Shantung Gilman's, April 28.

Penang
Hai Lee, Thoresen's, April 7.
Shirala, B. I. (Apcar), April 8.
Husimi Maru, N. Y. K., April 8.
Hosang, Jardine's, April 10.
Glenbeg, Jardine's, April 10.
Pres. Adams, A. P. Lines, April 14.
Corfu, P. & O., April 15.
Somali, P. & O., April 21.
Tilawa, B. I. (Apcar), April 22.
Hai Hing, Thoresen's, April 24.
Pres. Van Buren, A. P. Lines, April 28.
Gneisenau, Melchers, May 4.

Plymouth
Corfu, P. & O., April 15.

Port Said
Antenor, B. & S., April 5.
Conte Verde, L. Triestino, April 7.
Husimi Maru, N. Y. K., April 8.
Marburg, Melchers, April 9.
Glenbeg, Jardine's, April 10.
Arendskerk, J. C. J. Line, April 10.
Mar. Joffre, Messageries, April 13.
Pres. Adams, A. P. Lines, April 14.
Corfu, P. & O., April 15.
Oldenburg, Jebsen's, April 16.
Ajax, B. & S., April 19.
Somali, P. & O., April 21.
Jean Laborde, Messageries, April 27.
Shantung Gilman's, April 28.
Pres. Van Buren, A. P. Lines, April 28.
Gneisenau, Melchers, May 4.

Port Soudan
Marburg, Melchers, April 8.
Arendskerk, J. C. J. Line, April 10.
Corfu, P. & O., April 15.
Somali, P. & O., April 21.
Shantung Gilman's, April 28.

Port Swettenham
Shirala, B. I. (Apcar), April 8.
Glenbeg, Jardine's, April 10.
Arendskerk, J. C. J. Line, April 10.
Tilawa, B. I. (Apcar), April 22.

Rangoon
Hai Lee, Thoresen's, April 7.
Shirala, B. I. (Apcar), April 8.
Tilawa, B. I. (Apcar), April 22.
Hai Hing, Thoresen's, April 24.

Rotterdam
Antenor, B. & S., April 5.
Marburg, Melchers, April 8.
Benmohr, Loxley's, April 9.
Glenbeg, Jardine's, April 10.
Arendskerk, J. C. J. Line, April 10.
City of Lincoln, Bank Line, April 12.
Oldenburg, Jebsen's, April 16.
Ajax, B. & S., April 19.
Ramses, Jebsen's, April 25.
Shantung Gilman's, April 28.
Gneisenau, Melchers, May 4.

Scandinavian Ports
Shantung Gilman's, April 28.

Singapore
Antenor, B. & S., April 5.
London Maru, O. S. K., April 5.
Boissevain, J. C. J. Line, April 6.
Hai Lee, Thoresen's, April 7.
Conte Verde, L. Triestino, April 7.
Shirala, B. I. (Apcar), April 8.
Husimi Maru, N. Y. K., April 8.
Marburg, Melchers, April 9.
Benmohr, Loxley's, April 9.
Alipore, P. & O., April 9.
Hosang, Jardine's, April 10.
Glenbeg, Jardine's, April 10.
Mar. Joffre, Messageries, April 13.
Pres. Adams, A. P. Lines, April 14.
Corfu, P. & O., April 15.
Oldenburg, Jebsen's, April 16.
Ajax, B. & S., April 19.
Somali, P. & O., April 21.
Jean Laborde, Messageries, April 27.
Pres. Van Buren, A. P. Lines, April 28.
Gneisenau, Melchers, May 4.

Suez
Husimi Maru, N. Y. K., April 8.
Marburg, Melchers, April 9.
Glenbeg, Jardine's, April 10.
Mar. Joffre, Messageries, April 13.
Pres. Adams, A. P. Lines, April 14.
Jean Laborde, Messageries, April 27.
Pres. Van Buren, A. P. Lines, April 28.
Gneisenau, Melchers, May 4.

Tangier
Corfu, P. & O., April 15.

U.K. and Continent
City of Lincoln, Bank Line, April 12.

WEATHER REPORT

HONGKONG ROYAL OBSERVATORY

10 a.m. April 4.

Barometer (at sea level), 30.28 ins.
Temperature, 53 F.
Humidity, 77 per cent.
Wind Direction, N.N.E.
Wind Force (Beaufort), 5.
Temperature; maximum yesterday, 68F.
Temperature; minimum last night, 52 F.
Rainfall for 24 hrs. ending 10th to-day, 0.25 ins.
Total rainfall since January 1st, 5.64 ins.
Against an average of, 6.33 in.
Sunset to-night, 6.39 p.m.
Sunrise to-morrow, 6.13 a.m.

4 p.m., April 4.

Barometer (at sea level), 30.10 ins.
Temperature, 54 F.
Humidity, 76 per cent.
Wind Direction, NNE.
Wind Force (Beaufort), 3.
Maximum temperature, 55 F.
Minimum temperature, 52 F.
Rainfall, nil.

HONG KONG TIDE TABLE

From 6 to 11 Apr. 1939

Days of Week	Date of Month	High Water: Hong Kong Standard Time	High Water: Heights	Low Water: Hong Kong Standard Time	Low Water: Height
		h. m.	ft. in.	h. m.	ft. in.
Wed	5	10 01	6 5	03 29	2 1
		22 58	5 9	16 16	1 4
Thur.	6	10 32	6 7	04 09	2 4
		23 47	5 4	16 54	1 4
Fri.	7	11 02	6 8	04 48	2 7
		—	—	17 45	1 4
Sat.	8	00 37	4 9	05 07	3 0
		11 29	6 7	18 33	1 6
Sun.	9	01 32	4 0	06 34	3 4
		11 57	6 8	19 27	1 9
Mon.	10	02 41	4 2	06 56	2 7
		12 21	6 3	20 31	2 1
Tues.	11	04 08	4 0	08 24	4 0
		13 14	6 0	21 44	2 3

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RAKUYO MARU	... ...	16th Apr.

NEW YORK via Panama.

* NAGARA MARU	... .	7th Apr.

LONDON, MARSEILLES, NAPLES via Suez.

HUSIMI MARU	... ...	7th Apr.
HAKOZAKI MARU	... ...	22nd Apr.
SUWA MARU	... ...	6th May

SYDNEY & MELBOURNE via Manila, Davao, Thursday Island, Brisbane.

KITANO MARU	... ...	29th Apr.

BOMBAY via Singapore & Colombo.

ANYO MARU	... ...	8th Apr.

RANGOON & CALCUTTA via Singapore

* VITORLOCK	... ...	11th Apr.

KOBE AND YOKOHAMA

RAKUYO MARU	(via K'lung & Mozi)	16th Apr.
HAKUSAN MARU	(via Keelung)	21st Apr.
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Kaying, British, 1,572 registered tons, Captain E. H. Histed, from Sh'ai and Swatow, a.m., at buoy No. B?.—B. & S. (Tel. 30331).

Kiangsu, British, 1,555 registered tons, Capt. R. Allinson, from Haiphong, Pakhoi and K. C. Wan, a.m., at buoy No. B?.—B. & S. (Tel. 30331).

London Maru, Japanese, from Japan, a.m., at buoy No. A8.—O.S.K. (Tel. 28061).

Shun Chih, British, 1,173 registered tons, Capt. W. Lee from Saigon, a.m., at buoy No. B?.—Wo Fat Sing. (Tel. 20005).

Shirala, British, 4,872 registered tons Captain T. H. Gill, from Japan, p.m., at buoy No. A3.—M. M. & Co. (Tel. 27721).

DUE TO-MORROW

Kina, from Europe and Straits, a.m., at buoy No. A2.—East Asiatic & Co. (Tel. 34111).

Antenor, British, 6,809 registered tons, Captain Leslie, from Japan and S'hai, 6 a.m., at buoy No. A?.—B. & S. (Tel. 30331).

Anna Maersk, Danish, 3,345 registered tons, Capt. Hansen, from U.S.A., Japan and S'hai, a.m., at K'loon Wharf.—Jebsen & Co. (Tel. 31205).

Titania, Norwegian, from Europe and Straits, a.m., at K'loon Wharf.—Thoresen & Co. (Tel. 30237)

JUNKS SEARCHED OFF SWATOW

SWATOW, April 4 (Central).—More than fifty Chinese fishing junks, off the coast of Swatow, were forced on April 2 by three Japanese warships to sail to Namoa Island, where they were thoroughly searched.

All the junks on which arms that the fishermen kept for self-defence were found, were set on fire and the crew thrown into the sea.

Enraged by this act, three Chinese fishermen attacked and killed three Japanese soldiers and then escaped.

COLONY HEALTH RETURNS

Seventy-nine deaths from tuberculosis, out of a total of 142 cases, were recorded for the week ending April 1, according to the returns published by the Health Department. Other figures were 26 deaths from measles out of a total of 62 cases, 6 deaths from small-pox out of a total of 12 cases, 5 deaths from cerebro-spinal fever out of a total of 19 cases, 4 deaths from enteric fever out of a total of 21 cases, 3 deaths from diphtheria out of 10 cases and 3 deaths from dysentery out of a total of 9 cases.

Twenty-three cases of tuberculosis were notified to the authorities on April 3, in addition to 132 cases of measles, 4 cases each of enteric fever and cerebro-spinal fever, 3 cases each of small-pox and diphtheria and one case of dysentery.

ARRIVED YESTERDAY

Bronxville, Norwegian, 2,793 registered tons, Capt. S. Bolt, from Moji, at Cosmopolitan Dock.—Thoresen & Co. (Tel. 30237).

Pres. Coolidge, American, 15,576 regd. tons, Capt. K. A. Ahlin, from U.S.A., Japan and Shanghai, at Kowloon Wharf. — A.P.L. (Tel. 28171).

Terukuni Maru, Japanese, 7,156 regd. tons, Capt. Y. Okuno, from London and Straits, at buoy No. A8.—N.Y.K. (Tel. 30291).

Nellore, British, 4,291 registered tons, Capt. C. Stratford, from Australia and Manila, at Kowloon Wharf.—M. M. & Co. (Tel. 27721).

Malaya, Danish, 5,512 registered tons, Capt. Nielsen, from Japan and S'hai, at buoy No. A2.—East Asiatic & Co. (Tel. 34111).

Hong Peng, British, 2,525 registered tons Capt. J. B. Crawley, from Straits and Saigon, at buoy No. A9. — Ho Hong & Co. (Tel. 26127).

Ixion, British, 6,524 registered tons, Capt. R. J. Sturrock, from Seattle, Japan and Shanghai, at buoy No. A7.—B. & S. (Tel. 30331).

City of Lincoln, British, 3,963 registered tons, Capt. H. Spencer, from Saigon, at buoy No. A4.—Bank Line. (Tel. 27791).

SAILED YESTERDAY

Szechuen for Swatow
Utsire for Saigon
Ora for Swatow
Changon for K. C. Wan
Malaya for Saigon
Hardingham for Saigon
Terukuni Maru for Shanghai
Tjisalak for Batavia
Pres. Coolidge for Manila

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Taikoo. — Breconshire. Aeolus. Hupeh, Marechal Joffre, Selene. Asian.

Kowloon. — Boissevain, Canton, Sui Sang.

Cosmopolitan.—Bronxville

BUOYS

No. A 4.—City of Lincoln
No. A 5.—Dolius
No A 7.—Ixion
No. A 9.—Hong Peng
No. A11.—Benmohr
No. A12.—Van Heutsz
No. A14.—Lyeemoon
No. B 1.—Yochow
No. B 2.—Wo Sang
No. B 3.—Tsinan
No. B 4.—Hellas
No. B 5.—Mui Hock
No. B 8.—Yat Shing
No. B10.—Halidor
No. B14.—Kweiyang
No. B21.—Hunan
No. B22.—Woolgar
No. C 1.—Bordvik

SAILING TO-MORROW

Antenor, British, 6,809 registered tons, Captain Leslie, from buoy No. A?, for Straits, Marseilles, London, Hamburg, R'dam and Glasgow, p.m.—B. & S. (Tel. 30331).

Kwei Yang, British, 1,580 registered tons, Capt. D. Williams, from buoy No. B14, for Swatow, Saigon and Bangkok, noon.—B. & S. (Tel. 30331).

London Maru, Japanese, from buoy No. A8, for Mombasa, Zanzibar, Daressalaam, Beira, Lourenco Marques, Durban, Algoa Bay, Cape Town and South American Ports via S'pore and Colombo, p.m.—O.S.K. (Tel. 28061).

Boissevain, Dutch, 8,669 registered tons, Capt. Blankstein, from buoy No. A?, for Manila, Saigon, Bangkok, (Koh-Si-Chang), S'pore, Batavia, Mauritius, Reunion, Tamatave, Lourenco Marques, Durban, Capetown, Mosselbay, Port Elizabeth, East London, Zanzibar, Mombasa and Mahe (Seychelles), 5 p.m.—J.C.J. Line. (Tel. 28015).

Bronxville, Norwegian, 2,793 registered tons, Captain S. Bolt, from Cosmopolitan Dock, for Haiphong, 10 a.m.—Thoresen & Co. (Tel. 30237).

Ming Sang, British, 2,025 registered tons, Captain C. M. Cater, from buoy No. B?, for Haiphong, 3 p.m.—J. M. & Co. (Tel. 30311).

Norviken, Norwegian, 1,779 registered tons, Capt. P. Woxholt, from buoy No. B11, for Singapore, 6 a.m.—Chin Seng Hong. (Tel. 25291).

Hunan, British, 1,621 registered tons, Captain J. B. Bruce, from buoy No. B21, for Swatow, Foochow, T'tao, Chefoo, W.H.W. and T'tsin, 11 a.m. — B. & S. (Tel. 30331).

Hai Tan, British, 2,225 registered tons, Captain E. Walker, from Douglas Wharf, for Swatow, Amoy and Foochow, 4 p.m.—Douglas & Co. (Tel. 28037).

Wo Sang, British, 2,058 registered tons, Captain Hopkins, from buoy No. B2, for Swatow, S'hai, Chefoo and T'tsin, noon.—J. M. & Co. (Tel. 30311).

Tsinan, British, 2,100 registered tons, Captain J. K. Clark, from buoy No. B3, for Amoy and S'hai, 5 p.m.—B. & S. (Tel. 30331).

Hong Peng, British, 2,525 registered tons, Capt. J. B. Crawley, from buoy No. A9, for Swatow, Amoy and Foochow p.m.—Ho Hong & Co. (Tel. 26127).

Nicoline Maersk, Danish, 2,531 regd. tons, Capt. Rasmussen, from Kowloon Dock, for Saigon, 6 a.m.—Jebsen & Co. (Tel. 31205).

Hellas, Norwegian, 1,114 registered tons, Capt. J. L. A. Nilsen, from buoy No. B4, for Swatow & Bangkok, p.m.—Thoresen & Co. (Tel. 30237).

Mui Hock, Norwegian, 1,353 registered tons, Capt. J. Mathiasen, from buoy No. B5, for Swatow and Bangkok, p.m.—Chin Seng Hong. (Tel. 25291).

Wing Wo, Portuguese, 495 registered tons, Capt. I. d de Lemos, from Sankong Wharf, for K. C. Wan, 4 p.m.—Taf Fung & Co. (Tel. 20093).

SAILING TO-MORROW

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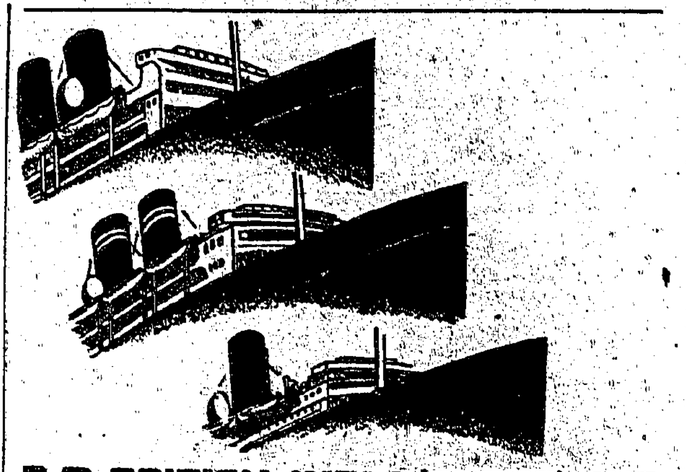
Boissevain, Dutch, 8,669 registered tons, Capt. Blankstein, from buoy No. A?, for Manila, Saigon, Bangkok, (Koh-Si-Chang), S'pore, Batavia, Mauritius, Reunion, Tamatave, Lourenco Marques, Durban, Capetown, Mosselbay, Port Elizabeth, East London, Zanzibar, Mombasa and Mahe (Seychelles), 5 p.m.—J.C.J. Line. (Tel. 28015).



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†*BANGALORE	6,000	20th May	B'bay, Mars., Havre, L'don, Hull, H'bg., R'dam. & Antwerp.
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RAJPUTANA	17,000	27th Apr.	do.
TALMA	10,000	27th Apr.	Japan
TANDA	7,000	5th May	Shanghai & Japan
RANCHI	17,000	10th May	Shanghai & Japan
*BHUTAN	6,000	11th May	Shanghai & Japan
*BEHAR	6,000	21st May	Shanghai & Japan
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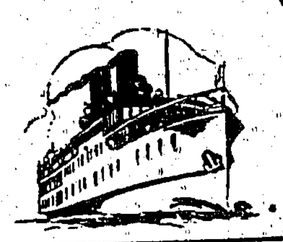

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CHOPPER INCIDENT IN WANCHAI RESTAURANT

Waiter Accused Of Murder Of Japanese: Crown Opens

A BLOOD-STAINED CHOPPER WAS EXHIBITED IN THE CENTRAL COURT YESTERDAY, when a 22-year-old waiter, Li Ping-chun, appeared before Mr. R. Edwards on a charge of the murder of a Japanese, Hyoshi Sagara. It was alleged that late on the night of Jan. 28, at the Cha Heung Sut Restaurant, No. 81, Hennessy Road, Li used a chopper and inflicted severe wounds on Sagara's head, hand and legs, and later gave himself up to the police.

The prosecution was in the hands of Mr. John Whyatt, Crown Counsel, assisted by Detective-Inspector Darkin, who was in charge of the investigation, while Mr. J. T. Prior conducted the defence.

According to the prosecution, about 11 p.m. on Jan. 28, Sagara went to the Cha Heung Sut Restaurant and occupied the third cubicle from the front. He ordered tea, wine and dinner. At that time there were few other customers in the restaurant, but a little later four persons entered and occupied a centre table near the third cubicle

IN COCKLOFT

The defendant was then in the cockloft. Five minutes later two customers, who were also there, rose to leave. A waitress attended to the bill and as she was collecting the money, she noticed the defendant walking up and down the ground floor. The party of four were eating their meals.

Shortly after two women were attracted by a noise of screaming coming from the direction of the third cubicle. On turning round the women saw Sagara bleeding profusely from the head and the defendant standing over him, striking him with a chopper.

The defendant was held back. He dropped the chopper on the floor and was heard to mutter, "He killed my family and raped my brother's wife."

The prosecution also alleged that the defendant said to people nearby, "Don't be afraid. I am chopping a Japanese. I am taking revenge. He killed my family and I will not run away. I will give myself up to the police."

The defendant then left to go to the police station and on his way he met a Chinese detective. He admitted that he had chopped a Japanese and was taken to the police station.

LETTER FOUND

At the station the defendant was searched, and a letter was found on his person. Apparently it had been written by some member of the family, stating that defendant's uncle had been killed by the Japanese. From inquiries made the police found that the letter was handed to Li's brother, who, in turn, delivered it to Li on the evening of the incident.

Dr. P. F. S. Court, of the Queen Mary Hospital, told the Court that Sagara was admitted to hospital about 2 a.m. on January 29 suffering from cuts. He was of the opinion that the wounds could have been inflicted by a heavy sharp instrument, such as a chopper.

Sagara was suffering from shock and had lost a great deal of blood. His condition was very dangerous. Apart from sepsis, deceased had a fair chance to recover.

Dr. Court said that on Feb. 1 deceased improved well enough for the wounds to be stitched up. Two weeks after, the wounds at the back of the head and neck showed signs of severe sepsis causing a severe secondary haemorrhage.

The cause of death was due to the direct result of the wounds.

UNDER OBSERVATION

Dr. Court said that the defendant was admitted the same morning and was kept under observation until February 2 when he was discharged from hospital and taken to the Stanley gaol.

Mr Prior: What was the result of the observation?—When I first saw him he was very excited. His pupils were dilated and showed signs of emotional outbursts. He seemed sensible and did not talk nonsense.

Chan Fong, waitress in the Cha Heung Sut Restaurant, said she happened to turn and saw defendant chasing Sagara. Sagara was stretching out his hand to grab defendant who was holding a chopper. When Sagara was sitting down she saw defendant striking him on the head and neck.

After cross examination by Mr. Prior, the hearing was adjourned until this afternoon.

JUAN MARCH, the Spanish multi-millionaire, who is at the head of a large company whose task will be in co-operation with the British industry to work for the rebuilding of Spanish trade.

A HISTORIC DEBATE

LONDON, Apr. 4 (Reuter)—This morning's newspapers emphasise the historic nature of the House of Commons' debate and policy of all parties. They also emphasise that there is no intention to encircle Germany.

The "Daily Herald" urges that Britain should immediately invite Russia to put forward proposals for a form of defensive pact and for securing a wider system of mutual aid.

SCARLET FEVER RAGING IN JEHOL

HSINKING, April 4 (Reuter)—Scarlet fever is raging in various parts of Jehol, the areas principally affected being Chengte, Chenlo and Manchou.

The Red Cross Society is helping the authorities to check the spread of the disease, which is accompanied by an exceptionally high death rate.

Both Chengte and Chenlo areas suffered severely during the floods last year. This was followed by epidemics of typhoid and dysentery, but these disappeared during the hard winter experienced in Jehol.

FOREIGN MAILS

HONGKONG WEDNESDAY, 5th APRIL 1939, 9.30 A.M.

EASTER HOLIDAYS

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From	Per	Due
Australia and Manila	Nellore	5th April
Haiphong, Pakhoi and Fort Bayard	Kiangsu	5th April
Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—London date, 29th March.	Imperial Airways Plane	5th April
Air Mail by "Pan American Airways Direct Service"—San Francisco date, 29th March.	Pan American Airways plane	5th April
Shanghai and Swatow	Kaying	5th April
Japan	London Maru	5th April
Japan,	Shirala	5th April
Japan and Shanghai	Antenor	6th April
Chuanchow	Shantung	6th April
Haiphong	Kwangtung	7th April
Shanghai	Conte Verde	7th April
Manila	Nagara Maru	7th April
Japan and Shanghai	Husimi Maru	7th April
Japan	Anyo Maru	7th April
Haiphong	Canton	7th April
Canada, U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan & Shanghai (Vancouver B.C., date 18th March).	Emp. of Canada	8th April
Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—London date, 1st April.	Imperial Airways Plane	8th April
Manila	Pres. Coolidge	9th April
Japan	Alipore	9th April
Straits	Teiresias	10th April
Japan	Vitorlock	11th April
Saigon	Laos	11th April
Calcutta and Straits	Santhia	11th April
Shanghai	Glenbeg	11th April
Australia and Manila	Changte	11th April
Shanghai and Amoy	Soochow	12th April
Shanghai and Swatow	Taiyuan	12th April
Straits and Manila	Menestheus	12th April
U. S. A., Honolulu and Japan—(San Francisco date, 18th Mar.).	Pres. Adams	13th April
U. S. A., Honolulu and Japan—(San Francisco date, 24th Mar.).	Pres. Taft	13th April
Japan	Rakuyo Maru	14th April
Manila	Neptuna	15th April
Straits	Diomed	15th April
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan & Shanghai (San Francisco date, 17th Mar.).	Asama Maru	15th April

OUTWARD MAILS

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For	Per	Date and Time
WEDNESDAY		**Wed. 5th.**
Foochow via Swatow	Hunan	9.30 AM
Swatow and Shanghai	Wosang	10.30 AM
Haiphong	Mingsang	1.0 PM
Fort Bayard	Wing Wo	2.00 PM
Mombasa, Beira, Lourenco Marques (Parcels and Papers only for South Africa via Durban).	London Maru	2.30 PM
Swatow and Foochow	Haitan	3.00 PM
Amoy and Shanghai	Tsinan	3.30 PM
Swatow and Bangkok	Mui Hock	7.00 PM
THURSDAY		**Thu. 6th.**
		K.P.O.
		Reg. 5th 5.00 PM
		Ord. 5th 5.30 PM
		G.P.O.
Airmail for Manila, Guam, Honolulu, and U.S.A. by the "Pan American Airways Direct Service"—due San Francisco 12th April.	Pan American Airways plane	Rec. 5th 5.00 PM
Swatow	Kweiyang	Ord. 6th 7.30 AM
Parcels only for Straits, Penang, Ceylon, Aden, Egypt Marseilles and London—due London 11th May.		10.30 AM
Manila, Saigon, Bangkok, Mauritius, Reunion, Madagascar, Lourenco-Marques and (Parcels and Papers only for South Africa via Durban).	Antenor	G.P.O. & K.P.O. Parcels 1.00 PM
	Boissevain	3.30 PM
		K.P.O.
		Reg. 5.00 PM
		Ord. 5.30 PM
		G.P.O.
Airmail for "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—due London 13th April.	Imperial Airways Plane	Reg. 5.00 PM
		Ord. 7.00 PM
		K.P.O.
		Reg. 5.00 PM
		Ord. 5.30 PM
		G.P.O.
Air Mail for Malaya, Java and Australia by Imperial Airways Direct Service—due Sydney, 15th April.	Imperial Airways Plane	Reg. 5.00 PM
Swatow	Yatshing	Ord. 7.00 PM
		7.00 PM
FRIDAY		**Fri. 7th.**
Air Mail for "K.L.M. Airways Direct Service"—due Amsterdam, 20th April.		G.P.O. & K.P.O.
	Husimi Maru	Reg. 11.00 AM
		Ord. 11.30 AM

DEATH OF PROF. T. FRANK

LONDON, April 4 (Reuter)—The death has occurred of Professor Tenney Frank, M.A., Ph.D., Professor of Latin of John Hopkins University since 1919.

Born in Kansas on May 19, 1876, he was educated in the United States, Berlin, and Rome. From 1901, he held various University appointments in America.

He was a Fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, a member of the American Philosophical Society, and editor of the American Journal of Philology. He was a contributor to historical and philological journals.

CITY & SUBURBAN CALL-OVER

LONDON, Apr. 3 (Reuter)—The City and Suburban call-over is as follows:

6/1 Pigskin (t. and o.)
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7/1 Unbreakable (o)
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HOME SOCCER

LONDON, April 4 (Reuter)—In a a Second Division game in the Scottish F.A. League yesterday, Dunfermline beat Morton by 5 goals to 2.

Flower Show In Singapore

Singapore Chinese gardeners, both amateur and professional, were complimented by Sir Shenton Thomas for their achievements in the field of horticulture when the Governor declared open the annual Flower Show held at the Victoria Memorial Hall, under the auspices of the Singapore Gardening Society.

In his speech, Sir Shenton referred to the larger variety of flowers on show this year, and on the improvement both in the number of species and the quality of the flowers.

An annual show such as that held would, he thought, stimulate the love for gardening and at the same time, teach better methods of cultivation

In nursery gardens in Singapore, continued His Excellency, more and more varieties of flowers could be seen, and in this development, the Chinese gardener had played a very helpful part.

Director of Gardens, S.S., Mr. R. E. Holttum, in calling upon His Excellency to declare the show open, referred to the first show which took place in 1931, largely through the energy and initiative of Mr. John Laycock.

MONEY ANXIETIES

The Singapore Gardening Society was founded in Singapore largely as the result of the interest created. In 1937, the Society partly took over the management of the flower show, and it was only last year that it assumed entire responsibility for it.

There were, of course, financial anxieties. Last year the balance was only about $100, but judging by the attendance this year, Mr. Holttum expressed the hope that a more substantial balance would be carried forward to next year's accounts.

U.S. STABILIZATION FUND EXTENDED TWO YEARS

WASHINGTON, April 4 (Reuter)—In reply to the plea by the Secretary of the Treasury, Mr. Henry Morgenthau, for continuation of the Treasury's $2,000,000,000 Stabilization Fund because "of the possibility of recurrence of the international crisis," the Coinage Committee of the House of Representatives has approved that the Bill be extended for a further two years.

The Bill also provides for renewal of the President's powers to devalue the dollar and the Treasury's power to buy newly-mined domestic silver, above world prices, and to coin it to an unlimited extent.

FIGHTING NEAR POOTUNG

CHUNGKING, April 4 (Central)—A brisk exchange of fire has taken place between Chinese guerillas and Japanese and puppet troops at Nanwei, Sinchang, and other points in Pootung, east of the Whangpoo River in Shanghai, almost everyday recently as soon as night falls.

Communications south of Shanghai were also severed at night as a result of Chinese guerilla activities.

Picture taken at the First Extra Race meeting at the Valley. (Photo by Leica).

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